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No 10 worried by small firms' plight

Lamont tackles bank chiefs on lending policy

By PHILI › WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer will today begin summoning clearing bank chairmen to the Treasury in an attempt to stop unfair treatment of small firms over interest rates.

The government has launched an investigation into banks' lending policies, and a full monopolies commission enquiry could follow if the banks are found to be indulging in anti-competitive behaviour.

There have been widespread claims that the banks have not been passing on in full the recent reductions in base rates. The government's investigation will "ascertain the evidence" and focus particularly on renegotiated loans.

The move, announced by John Major in the Commons, comes after John MacGregor's appeal to building societies to bring forward mortgage rate reductions for borrowers on annual reviews. Such actions could be seen as surprising for a government that prides itself on its hands-off approach, and the banks enquiry marks a clear shift in attitude. Only two weeks ago, Treasury officials were saying that they were not in the business of delivering public lectures to the banks, and Norman Lamont told an MP who complained about bank business charges that "the market is working and it is following interest rates down".

Conservative MPs said last night that they had come under "enormous" pressure in their constituencies from businessmen and chambers of commerce over bank lending policies as bankruptcies have soared. Some firms have been paying up to six points over the base rate, in spite of a steady fall in the cost of borrowing. Mr Major discussed the issue with the governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh Pemberton, ten days ago and it was that meeting that led to the decision that an enquiry should be launched.

Yesterday in the Commons, the prime minister spoke of his concern about the growing level of complaints. "The banks themselves can be in no doubt whatsoever about the strength of feeling on this issue," he said. "They are aware, as anybody else, that their interest lies in having a sound base of small firms around for the future."

Mr Lamont will hold his first meeting with one of the leading bank chairmen this morning. By the end of next week he hopes to have seen Sir John Quinton of Barclays, Sir Jeremy Morse of Lloyds, the Midland's Sir Peter Walters, Lord Alexander of the National Westminster, and Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the TSB and of the British Bankers' Association.

Last night Gordon Brown, the shadow trade and industry secretary, said Mr Major must do more than announce talks about more talks. He should immediately urge the banks to reduce the margin they were charging small businesses. At the same time he should state clearly that unless the banks' behaviour changed, the monopolies commission would be asked to investigate.

The Liberal Democrats also called for a monopolies commission reference. James Wallace, their spokesman for small businesses, said firms were already under pressure after years of high rates and the collapse of consumer demand. "If the main clearing banks are making this situation worse through collusion or other anti-competitive practices, it is likely that many thousands more businesses will have to close, adding to the increasing number of unemployed in Britain."

Sir William Clark, chairman of the Conservative finance committee, told the Commons that failure to pass on base rate cuts to small firms was damaging to the economy. He called for the British Bankers Association to make it mandatory for its members "immediately to reflect any reduction in base rates". Mr Major replied that a large amount of lending was tied to base rates and was amended automatically. "It is those loans that are re-negotiated that I think cause the particular problem and the Chancellor is examining that with the clearing bank chairmen."

Government sources said the aim of the investigation was to see whether abuses of market power were occurring. "If we find serious evidence of anti-competitive behaviour, we will put it to the director general of fair trading." That could lead to a reference to the monopolies commission.

The government has no more than anecdotal evidence so far of anti-competitive behaviour by the banks, and officials were making clear that the issue is not straightforward. Some small businesses may be in the high-risk category so far as banks are concerned, and therefore legitimately be charged higher rates.

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Army cuts mean 40,000 will go

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

REDUNDANCY payments are expected to be offered to at least 15,000 officers and senior NCOs over the next three years, following the announcement from Tom King, the defence secretary, in the Commons yesterday that the army is to be cut from 156,000 to 116,000.

Mr King gave no details but the army has been given a month to decide which regiments will be amalgamated or disbanded. The cut of 40,000 will be partly met through natural wastage and volunteers from middle-ranking officers as well as senior NCOs and warrant officers will be sought to preserve promotion opportunities lower down the ladder. Mr King confirmed that the regimental system would survive.

There is already speculation that the Guards division could lose three of its eight battalions and that the Blues and Royals may have to merge with the Lifeguards. The Scottish division may also have two of its seven regiments merged or disbanded.

Martin O'Neill, shadow spokesman on defence, said in the Commons there would be disappointment at the limited scale of Mr King's statement.

● **Tank hint:** Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, hinted to the Commons yesterday that the German Leopard 2 tank will not replace the Chieftain. The winner of the tank contract, between the British Challenger 2, the Leopard 2 and American M1A2 Abrams, will be announced this month.

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JAMES GRAY

Weary vigil: the Princess of Wales leaving the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, yesterday after spending the night with Prince William, recovering from surgery to his skull. She later returned for a second night. Report, page 2

Major meets Thatcher for 90-minute talks

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister had a 90-minute meeting with Margaret Thatcher on Monday night at the Commons against the background of the whispering campaign against his leadership in sections of the press and the Conservative party.

Ministerial friends of John Major said yesterday that they had expected him to seize the opportunity to appeal to his predecessor to order her supporters to stop sniping at his premiership. They were saying that they thought the meeting would see some "straight-talking" with Mr Major making "one or two points very forcibly".

However, senior government sources denied that the question of Mr Major's leadership had been raised or that he had asked his predecessor to avoid giving ammunition to his critics. One of Mrs Thatcher's leading aides also rejected out of hand suggestions that the issue had been discussed. A senior member of Mrs Thatcher's camp said: "The meeting was perfectly friendly."

Government sources and the former prime minister's staff said that the meeting had been restricted to a discussion of Mrs Thatcher's recent trips to South Africa and the Soviet Union, the forthcoming Group of Seven summit in London. That version of events was markedly at odds with that being peddled by some of Mr Major's closest political friends. They indicated that his patience finally snapped after a front-page report in last weekend's *Sunday Telegraph* under the headline: I'm disappointed in Major, says bitter Thatcher.

However, government sources insisted that Mr Major had accepted Mrs Thatcher's public repudiation of the words attributed to her and had therefore seen no reason to raise it with her.

Mr Major's friends said that he was now ready to take on the Thatcherites over Europe by underlining his view that irrespective of the tensions over economic and political union, he believed that Britain's place was "at the heart of Europe".

The pressure on Mr Major to clarify his stance on Europe will intensify tonight when Nicholas Ridley, the former trade secretary, claims the support of the prime minister in the battle against a single European currency.

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Drink and smoke less, Britons are urged

You're FINE - it's the health of the TORIES I'm worried about.
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By JILL SHERMAN AND PETER MULLIGAN

A CAMPAIGN to improve the nation's health by the year 2000, reducing heart disease, strokes and lung cancer partly by changing smoking, eating and drinking habits, was launched by the government yesterday. The public should eat less fat and salt, smoke less and stop drinking excessively, says a green paper which outlines a Whitehall-wide

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BBC man dies in Addis blast

rom ANDREW LYCETT AND TIM DEAGLE
N ADDIS ABABA

A KEN AN journalist working for t BBC was among scores of pople killed when a huge ammution dump blew up here early sterday morning. The explon shattered the uneasy ca that has existed here since e takeover of Addis Ababa b forces of the Ethiopian ople's Revolutionary Dem cratic Front a week ago.

The dead journalis 34-year-old John Mathai who was married with three c ren. He was a sound records for Visnews, the television new agency, which has been filming for the BBC.

The first blast shook the city at 4.23am and for the next two hours exploding ammunition streaked through the night sky, creating a furnace a kilometre deep around the dump. Periodic louder blasts were followed by the sound of wrenching metal as the blaze, with its dense plumes of white and black smoke, crept closer to much larger fuel storage tanks and to a neighbouring grain silo.

Shortly after the curfew was lifted at 6.00am Mathai drove to the erupting dump on the Ebre Zeit road, in the southern suburbs of the city, along with a BBC radio and television team. At 6.30, as the BBC team neared the site, a massive fire ball lit up the sky, hanging in the air for about ten seconds before exploding, scattering debris which devastated a nearby shanty town and blew out windows up to three miles kilometres away.

Close to the explosion was the BBC crew, including the award-winning team of Michael Buerk, the presenter, and Mohammed Amin, the cameraman who together brought Ethiopia's 1984 famine to the world's attention.

Amin and Mathai, his sound recordist, were caught on open ground by the full force of the explosion. Mathai was flung against a wall fracturing his skull. He was dead on arrival at the Soviet hospital. Amin was hit by flying shrapnel and doctors have been trying to save his arm. Western journalists visited the hospital to donate blood for the many transfusions Amin needed until he was evacuated by air to the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

Michael Buerk said: "We

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Moscow blueprint fails to impress America

When it came to saving his country, President Gorbachev was prepared to try something President Bush would never do — ask Harvard University for help. ***Charles Bremner** reports*

TWO teams headed by Grigori Yavlinsky, President Gorbachev's newly rehabilitated economic adviser, and Graham Allison, a rofessor at the Kennedy ool, a department of thi rd University, will print k complete the blue- "Grand what they call the gramme ain". The pro- mechanism outline a step-by-step linking the Soviet econom of the market with an a free up to $250 billion of billion) from the Wes 147

The distaste of the House for the policy exp of America's most famou university has furnished an ironic sub-plot to Mr Gorbachev's unlikely recourse to the Kennedy School. For weeks, the policy elites of the Soviet Union and the West have been abuzz with the scheme which emerged from longstanding ties between the Cambridge, Massachusetts, school and Moscow's thinktanks.

Professor Allison, who was Dean of the Kennedy School until 1989, was in Moscow advising city counsellors when he got together with Mr Yavlinsky, the creator of the "500-Day" programme discarded last year under pressure from the Kremlin conservatives. Mr Yavlinsky was brought back into the Gorbachev circle and given the president's blessing to draft ideas for a rescue plan that could be put to the world.

IN private briefings, television appearances and articles in newspapers and learned journals, the Allison-Yavlinsky duo have in recent weeks managed to convince some European governments and American commentators of their seriousness. *The New York Times*, in an editorial yes-

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Mildred, star of the one-night stand, is back

Star-crossed: Mildred (top) shown as a moving trail against fixed stars in a 60-minute exposure

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A MINOR planet called Mildred, lost for 75 years, has been rediscovered by a British astronomer working in the United States.

Losing a planet, even a minor one, is a mistake astronomers dislike making, but Mildred was so small and her orbit so poorly known that she simply disappeared off the maps of the heavens. Like a prodigal returned, the lost planet has now been welcomed back.

Nobody is happier than Mildred Shapley Matthews, after whom the planet was named when it was discovered by her father, the distinguished astronomer Harlow Shapley, in 1916. Still working as an editor at the University of Arizona press, Mrs Matthews has gone through life being ribbed about lending her name to a planet that almost immediately disappeared. "Really, I'm thrilled" she said yesterday. "I've been telling these astronomers to get busy for years. I'm 76 years old and I can't wait for ever".

Minor planets, also known as asteroids, are impossible to see with the naked eye — the largest is about 400 miles across and Mildred is only a few miles in diameter. Using what was then the world's largest optical telescope, the 60in at Mount Wilson observatory near Los Angeles, Dr Shapley and Seth Nicholson discovered Mildred in September 1916.

Dr Shapley gave the new minor planet his daughter's name. Because it was so faint, no other telescope of the time could see it. By the time everybody had better telescopes, it had disappeared and too little was known about its orbit to track it down again. Enter Gareth Williams, a graduate of University College, London, who in 1984 conceived the ambition of rediscovering a lost planet. He was working as a computer programmer in Britain in 1990 when the Minor Planets Centre at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Laboratory in Cambridge Massachusetts heard of his obsession and took him on.

Two weeks ago he was sent some data from a photographic plate taken on the one-metre telescope operated by the European Southern Observatory at La Silla in Chile by the Belgian astronomer Eric Elst. Among the objects detected by Elst was what astronomers call a "one night stand" — an object that appears on just one night and than cannot be seen again. Mr Williams wondered if Elst's one night stand might be Mildred. Computer calculations suggested as much, and after consultations with other astronomers in Australia and Germany her return was confirmed.

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Woman's bright future ruined by IRA's Semtex 'mistake'

Gourley: lost her legs and had burns to her back

By EDWARD GORMAN
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CELIA Gourley, whose professional life has been dedicated to helping the people of Northern Ireland, now lies in a Belfast hospital having lost both her legs.

There is so much violence and so many violence-related incidents in Northern Ireland that all but the most dramatic no longer make headlines in Britain. Mrs Gourley might be well known by now if her misfortune had not been obscured by the SAS shooting of three IRA members in Co Tyrone.

She was blown up on Sunday, but it did not become clear until Monday, when all eyes were already focused on the Protestant village of Coagh where the IRA men met their deaths, either who she was or the mind-numbing attempt at an apology by the Provisionals for what they had done to her.

Her husband Bob, an Open university academic, spoke with unusual honesty and courage about the tragedy which had befallen his wife, aged 45, whom he describes as a vivacious and bubbling woman with a love of life, and passionate about rugby, the theatre and dancing.

"I am no Christian," he said. "I don't forgive them. I don't say, 'I don't want to see them harmed in any way'. I actually hate them and I want to see them punished in every conceivable method under the law." He talked of what he called the hypocrisy of those who "by mistake" planted the bomb under the family Peugeot. "To those who apologise," he told the BBC in Belfast, "I would say, 'come and see a woman fighting for her life.' They are hypocrites. They've done this again, again and again, and apologies mean nothing."

Mrs Gourley suffered horrific injury when a Semtex bomb attached to the underside of her car detonated with the movement of the suspension as she got into it at her home, south of Belfast. It was the same kind of bomb used to kill Ian Gow, the former Cabinet minister, but somehow she survived and is now coming to terms with having lost both legs above the knee, a finger, and extensive burns to her back and lacerations to her hands. The IRA, of course, thought Mrs Gourley's home belonged to a member of the security forces who, in their view, are fair game for the little packages containing a mercury tilt switch, a tiny quantity of Semtex and a magnet.

Mrs Gourley is a principal officer with Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board, an organisation dedicated to trying to bring to the province the jobs which Sinn Fein continually complains it is starved of. Her task as a principal officer was to promote Northern Ireland society, its people and its businesses at international trade fairs and she was shortly to join the IDB's first trade mission to Brazil. According to IDB officials, Mrs Gourley played a key role in clinching £45 million worth of business for Northern Ireland firms over the past 12 months.

All this gave Richard Needham, the economy minister at Stormont, who knows her well, a particular sense of anger at her fate. He described her as among the brightest, liveliest and most efficient members of staff at the board.

The injuries to her and to her family, Mr Needham said, "just heighten our determination to carry on the work that Celia has done so well and so enthusiastically for all the people of Northern Ireland".

Ordeal of Orkney families ends as case is abandoned

By KERRY GILL

.eal THE three-month fam- suffered by four Orhildren ilies, whose nircare after spent five weektual sexual allegations of night when it abuse, ended that all pro- was anno been abandoned. ceedinprise announcement In court of Session, Scot- at supreme civil court, he judges were told that .ordon Sloan, the former reporter to the Orkney children panel, would take the matter no further.

Miss Lynda Clark, QC, representing Mr Sloan, said the "incalculable media publicity had become so prejudicial that the proceedings would have to be dropped". The parents were told of the decision in April but were asked not to divilge the decision to the press. Last night's announcement came on the second day of Mr Sloan's appeal against a ruling by Sheriff David Kelbie in April that procedures by the panel and by Mr Sloan had been so fundamentally flawed as to be incompetent. All the children were immediately returned to their families after the sheriff's comments.

Miss Clark told the judges that because of the damage caused to the case by the publicity after Sheriff Kelbie's dismissal of the case, Mr Sloan had no choice but to abandon further proceedings against the families even if he was successful in his appeal. However Miss Clark said that Mr Sloan still wanted the court to rule on the appeal. She said the parents and other parties involved had been told of Mr Sloan's decision even though his appeal was to continue. They were asked to keep the matter confidential.

She said that the whole basis of the Orkney case had been subjected to "totally unjustified public attack" with such media coverage that it would have been impossible to find witnesses whose views had not been affected. The publicity had been totally incalculable.

Miss Clark said it was with the greatest reluctance that Mr Sloan, if successful in the appeal, would not move the court to send the case back to Sheriff Kelbie to have the grounds of the children's referral examined again. She said the decision by Sheriff Kelbie had plunged the whole matter into a "procedural morass".

☐ The government last night announced a review of residential child care in Scotland. Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, asked councils to improve procedures for inspecting children's homes. They will be expected to provide inspection by officials not directly involved in running the homes.

As Central regional council denied operating a form of "pindown" to restrain disruptive children, it emerged yesterday that a girl aged 15 was held in the secure unit of a Scottish children's home for up to four weeks. The council said that a system of "grounding" had been in use.

The region's social work department admitted that the secure unit had been used to house six different children on ten occasions after they were deemed to have been particularly disruptive or a danger to themselves. Ian Ross, the department's director, said the unit had always been unlocked and the girl had been largely isolated from other children, although she was accompanied by two staff members all the time.

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British device to speed viral tests

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have developed a rapid and simple way of screening patients' samples for viruses and bacteria, which could end time-consuming laboratory analysis and reduce the need for expensive equipment.

The technique involves tiny microscopic beads of plastic and glass coated with an antibody that light up when mixed with disease-carrying swabs and samples. The test, which it is claimed can distinguish between different viruses and bacteria at very low levels, can be carried out in minutes with a device the size of a small personal computer.

The breakthrough has been made by William Bains, a former lecturer in biochemistry at Bath university, and John Golby, a former post doctoral student in laser spectroscopy at Cambridge university, now working with PA Consulting Group in Royston, Hertfordshire.

The new screening method relies on an optical phenomenon known as radiative fluorescence transfer and a dye carried in the plastic microbeads. The dye absorbs red light, releasing it as infrared light, which is absorbed by the glass beads and picked up by the detector.

Tests by the scientists indicate that the method will detect as little as a few thousand viral or bacterial particles in a sample.

Steve Arlington, healthcare sector manager at PA's technology division, said that the researchers were confident the technique could detect almost all diseases, including Aids. They were seeking partners to develop the system.

"If a test for diseases such as hepatitis, herpes or even a sore throat could be made more generally available in smaller hospitals, health centres or doctors' offices, then the diagnosis and medication could be more specific, more quickly prescribed and hence more effective," he said. "Additionally, the system could be used in emergency situations, ambulances and casualty wards, helicopters and military field hospitals."

TONY WHITE

Weather check: Hugh Lowe examines the strawberry plants on his farm at Mereworth, Kent, for frost damage

Colleges show rise in ethnic entrants

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

POLYTECHNICS and colleges today claimed a breakthrough in attracting students from the ethnic minorities.

An analysis of last year's polytechnic and college entrants shows a higher proportion of applications from every category of the ethnic minorities than their corresponding proportion of Britain's population.

The success was particularly striking in the Indian and Pakistani communities. More than 5 per cent of polytechnic and college students admitted in 1990 were Indian, compared with an estimated 1.4 per cent of the population of Britain. The equivalent figure for Pakistanis was 2.5 per cent from 0.8 per cent of the population.

Last year was the first in which the ethnic origin of candidates for higher education was recorded. Information on university applicants is not yet available. Almost 16 per cent of the students admitted through the Polytechnics Central Admissions System were from minorities.

The statistics also show that only a third of applicants came from state schools or sixth-form colleges. Almost as many were mature students who had left the formal education system before returning to a degree or diploma course. More applicants came from further education colleges than schools.

Applications from overseas students rose by 14.5 per cent, while the number of admissions was up by almost 23 per cent. Among the factors was an increase of almost half in the numbers applying from other European countries.

Farmers fear ground frost will hit strawberry crop

By ROBIN YOUNG

FARMERS and gardeners who narrowly escaped a disastrous frost yesterday will be anxiously surveying their plots this morning for blackened strawberry flowers and tender shoots of runner beans scythed down by the cold.

Weathermen were predicting possible severe ground frosts last night as winds abated and skies cleared. In recent days London has been colder than Moscow, and some places have recorded their lowest June temperatures for 88 years. The London Weather Centre yesterday said: "There are going to be some spots dropping below zero by one or possibly two degrees."

Hugh Lowe, chairman of the National Farmers' Union soft fruit committee, was hoping yesterday that this might cause only a temporary shortage of strawberries in what should be the peak season, in mid-July. "Flowers which are set and unopened buds can withstand several degrees of frost", he said. "It is only the open flowers which are at risk and they would not become strawberries until July. The strawberry season now extends over three or four months, so it is only a fraction of the £70 million crop which is concerned, and growers are widely spread throughout the country so it is not likely that they will all be hit at once. Generally the west should be all right. It is the people in the east who are most at risk. At present I think it is likely to be a case of difficulties for particular growers rather than a national shortage."

Robin Turner, senior horticultural adviser to the National Farmers' Union, said that frost damage to ground vegetables like runner beans and potatoes could result in higher prices in the shops.

The London Weather Centre predicted that last night would see the last frosts in the south and, as rain spreads northwards, the rest of the country should be frost-free by Friday night. A spokesman said: "With thermometers rising slowly by next week we should be getting back to average temperatures for the time of year — that's around 18C, mid-sixties Fahrenheit, in the south and 16C, low-sixties Fahrenheit, in the north of the country."

On Monday night the temperature fell to 0.8C (34F) at Manchester Airport — the coldest June night since records began there 51 years ago.

The spokesman predicted rain in the southern half of the country by tomorrow night, speading northwards, with a chance of more snow showers on high ground. He said cold winds from the Arctic would be "replaced by a new system pushing in from the Atlantic, carrying with it a belt of rain". This would bring a slight temperature rise and reduce the threat of frost. By the weekend the weather will be unsettled everywhere.

Church ready for advent of Toyota

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is embracing 20th-century management ideals to try to gear up for the arrival of the new Toyota car plant in south Derbyshire.

The Derby diocese has already reorganised the Etwall parish, which will cater for workers in the factory at Burnaston, to reflect the needs of people serving a high-technology industry.

An impressive working party report, *Toyota Advent*, outlines management ideals for the future alongside "theological reflections on the advent of Toyota". The report examines the housing, transport, economic and environmental implications of the new plant, one of the country's biggest post-war industrial developments.

The arrival of the £700 million factory, where production will begin late next year, is transforming the county and city, the report says. Ministers and congregations are urged to adopt an ecumenical visiting programme to welcome any of the 1,700 employees who buy houses in parishes near by.

The report says churches of different denominations must not confuse with separate approaches their brothers and sisters from Japan, where a recent survey found that most people who professed any religious faith were both Shinto parishioners and Buddhist temple supporters.

The Rev Robin Morrison, principal social responsibility officer for Derby, said some people were more concerned with maintaining their church as an institution than relating to industry, politics and social affairs in the world around them. "There are some folk who cannot cope with the changes that are taking place in village life, but the changes are here to stay and there is no way we can avoid that."

Operation on prince successful

By THOMSON PRENTICE
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRINCE William continued to recover in the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, last night, 24 hours after an operation to treat a fracture to his forehead.

The prince, aged eight, and second in line to the throne, was accidentally injured by a golf club while playing on the putting green at Ludgrove preparatory school in Wokingham, Berkshire, on Monday.

He sustained a depressed fracture, but the operation, lasting 70 minutes, showed that no splintering of bone occurred, and that brain damage had been avoided. "There was no scar tissue and nothing was removed," the hospital said. The operation was performed by Richard Hayward, a consultant neurosurgeon, and Ted Sumner, a consultant anaesthetist.

Their view was that the procedure, in which the depressed area of the forehead was gently elevated to relieve any pressure on the brain, had been completely successful and that there will be no long-term damage.

The prince will probably stay in the hospital for several days. He was said to be "chatting away". The Princess of Wales was expected to remain with him again last night, having spent most of the day at the hospital.

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Women's Derby tip is value for money

By LIN JENKINS

TAKE a tip from a woman on the Derby and the odds are higher on seeing a return on your money than if you had followed the advice of a man, according to a survey published yesterday.

Women are more cautious in gambling, placing smaller bets and more each-way bets, improving their chances of success. Yet men win more money, having an average return of 11 per cent higher than that of women.

According to the betting shop chain Ladbrokes, which commissioned the survey from the Southampton university risk research centre, the average stake placed by a man is £3.73 compared with £2.03 by women. Paul Austin, for Ladbrokes, suggests that if a punter wants some return, or consolation, the best advice is to follow the betting pattern of women. "They may only get back 50p from their £1 bet, but they are 53 per cent more likely to get some return on their money."

Men prefer their money on the nose with 76 per cent of all bets being to win, he said, while 30 per cent of bets placed by women are each-way. Estimates suggest that one third of the £25 million wagered on today's classic will be placed by women.

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Jane Austen centre rekindled with a little persuasion

Jane Austen: called Chawton "the great house"

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE fate of Jane Austen's family home near Alton, Hampshire, has taken an unexpected twist, which has revived hopes of it becoming the world's first Jane Austen study centre.

Plans to extend Chawton House and turn it into an hotel have been postponed by the owners, Chawton Developments Ltd, while the company discusses an option with the Jane Austen Centre Trust.

Robert Jarman, managing director of Chawton Developments, which is building two 18-hole golf courses on 330 acres surrounding the house, said: "We are considering offering an option to allow the trust to take the house over. We have detailed planning permission to make the house into a five-star luxury hotel, but the state of the market is such that we have had to defer that part of the development."

Chawton House, which Jane Austen called "the great house", was inherited by her brother, Edward, who changed his name to Austen-Knight to comply with the terms of the bequest. The 50-room house, built originally in the 15th century but largely Elizabethan with 18th-century additions, had been in the Knight family since 1580.

Jane Austen lived in a cottage on the estate, now a museum dedicated to her, but spent much of her time at the house where she wrote *Mansfield Park*, *Emma* and *Persuasion*, and began *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*. She died in 1817.

Two years ago Chawton House was inherited by Richard Knight, who was faced with enormous repair costs. Another Austen descendant, Henry Rice, created the Jane Austen Centre Trust to attempt to buy Chawton House and turn it into the world's first Jane Austen Study Centre. However, the trust's offer of £1 million was turned down in favour of a higher bid, thought to have been of £1.5 million, from Mr Jarman's company.

The company's scheme also involved a large club house larger than the house itself. A condition of East Hampshire district council's planning consent was the restoration of Chawton House, listed as a grade two starred building.

Mr Rice, whose trust has looked in vain elsewhere in southern England for a suitable site, said yesterday: "We had thought that we had reached the end of the road, but now there is a chance that the house may become the study centre after all."

If agreement is reached with the trust, the house will be passed to it partially restored. The trust would then launch an appeal for between £5 million and £7 million. There are more than 60 Jane Austen societies in America and a growing enthusiasm in Japan.

Paisley blames Dublin for delays

By EDWARD GORMAN

IAN Paisley, the Democratic Unionist party leader, yesterday, described the talks process in Northern Ireland as "at rock bottom," and accused the Irish government of erecting new road blocks to progress.

Mr Paisley said the Irish government had welshed on matters already decided. Mr Paisley, who with Jim Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, met Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, for further discussion at Stormont, is believed to have been referring to disagreements over the standing orders for the second strand of the process.

These are thought to have been agreed by all parties to the talks, but a response by Dublin to Unionist amendments is believed to fall short, as far as Unionists are concerned, by not explicitly referring to the venues at which the second phase of talks (between the parties in Ulster and Dublin) will take place.

The Irish government declined to comment on Mr Paisley's charges.

There was still no sign that Mr Brooke has come up with an alternative choice for an independent chairman for strand two, after Unionists rejected Lord Carrington last week.

● Inquests opened yesterday on the three IRA men shot dead while "on active service" by soldiers in the village of Coagh, Co Tyrone, on Monday morning.

Union chief goes to court

The suspended leader of Britain's biggest building union is to bring a High Court action against it on Friday in an attempt to get his suspension lifted (Philip Bassett writes).

Albert Williams, suspended as general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians last week by its new executive committee, decided yesterday, after legal advice, to seek an injuction against the union.

The committee suspended Mr Williams, the general secretary since 1985, appointed an acting leader and called in a lawyer to investigate the union's running and finances. The move followed the election to the five-strong executive of three left-wingers.

Talks between Ucatt and employers, set for tomorrow, have been called off by the employers due to uncertainty.

Vickers strike

Workers at Vickers Defence Systems, which is bidding for a £1 billion order to replace the Army's Chieftain tanks, have gone on indefinite strike after the company tried to introduce a 4½-day week. Senior managers at the Cross Gates factory, near Leeds, said the underlying cause of the strike was the workers' frustration with the government's failure to make an announcement on the Chieftain replacement.

Theatre backer

Bill Kenwright, the Liverpool-born impresario, has agreed to underwrite the debts of Liverpool Playhouse, Britain's oldest repertory theatre, which faced closure earlier this year with debts of £750,000. Mr Kenwright, aged 45, said yesterday that he would support the theatre provided that funding was found by the five local authorities on Merseyside and by the Arts Council.

Paper's job cuts

The Independent has accepted 46 out of a total of 88 applications for voluntary redundancy (53 from journalists). The paper, which is merging some operations with its sister title, *The Independent on Sunday*, had given its employees in all departments one week to apply for voluntary redundancy before making compulsory redundancies to reach its cost-cutting targets.

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£1.7m home aid

The housing charity Crisis is to give £1.69 million to projects to help the single homeless this year as part of its campaign to highlight National Housing Week. Nationwide, 250 projects will receive the money from funds raised during the charity's 1990-1 annual appeal. Most of the money will be spent outside London, reflecting urgent problems and funding difficulties there, the charity said.

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Bomb hoaxer who cost BR £25m gets four years

By Michael Horsnell

A BOMB hoaxer who stranded 500,000 commuters and cost British Rail £25 million in lost revenue when he shut down every London railway terminus with a false 999 call was sent to prison for four years yesterday.

Robert McLuckie, aged 26, a security guard, made his call at 6.08am on February 25, a week after the IRA bombing of Victoria Station in which one man died, Southwark crown court was told.

McLuckie told a British Telecom operator: "There are two bombs at two London stations. You have two hours."

Judge Butler, QC, told him: "It is hard to imagine a worse case of its kind. Your call caused massive inconvenience to the travelling public and no doubt fear and worry to the commuters and others. A deterrent sentence must be passed. Anyone minded to make a call of this kind must know they will face a long custodial sentence."

British Rail, which was plagued by dozens of hoax calls after the Victoria bombing, welcomed the sentence which is among the highest of its kind given in a British court.

The disruption caused to mainline stations in London by the spate of hoax calls, including McLuckie's, prompted the government to announce plans in March to toughen sentences on hoaxers.

Under the criminal justice bill, expected to receive Royal Assent in July, the maximum sentence for bomb hoaxers will be increased from five to seven years for the more serious cases dealt with in crown courts and from three to six months in magistrates' courts.

The result of McLuckie's call was that 500,000 commuters were either late or could not get to work and thousands of man-hours were lost, the court was told.

The mainline stations were closed for two hours during a peak period, costing British Rail £25 million in lost and refunded ticket sales, and overtime to staff caused by the disruption.

The only reason McLuckie could give to police for his behaviour was "sheer boredom and tiredness" as he came to the end of a long night shift.

Peter Lodder, for the defence, said: "It is a feature of the society we live in today that 10 seconds of idiocy can lead to losses of £25 million."

Nicholas Berry, for the prosecution, said that McLuckie made the call at 6.08 am on February 25 from a building site in Bow, east London, where he was the only man on the premises. The call was relayed immediately to police, traced and detectives arrested McLuckie at 6.40am.

He pleaded guilty to communicating false information with a view to making people believe bombs were liable to explode.

Mr Lodder suggested that one of the reasons for the call might be that McLuckie, who has a son aged three months, was suffering from a male type of pre-natal depression. "McLuckie has a history of pre-natal and post-natal depression," he said.

The court heard that McLuckie, of East Ham, east London, was one of six people to make bomb hoax calls that day.

A spokesman for British Railways Board said: "With half a million people who were inconvenienced that day, we welcome the fact that the court has taken seriously this case. The sentence will serve as a deterrent to anybody who seeks to disrupt services maliciously. At the time there were dozens of hoax calls right across the country. They waste our time, police time and our customers' time."

Halford: files disclosure not in public interest

Secrecy of police records defended

DISCLOSURE of files on three senior policemen to help to prove a sex discrimination claim by Britain's highest-ranking woman officer could set a precedent, an employment appeals tribunal was told yesterday.

Alison Halford, a Merseyside assistant chief constable, wanted the files to prove that sex discrimination blocked her career, John Hand, QC, told the tribunal. But other chief officers had set down their concern about the demand in an affidavit.

Mr Hand, representing James Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, was appealing against an industrial tribunal ruling that Merseyside police should disclose the files of three officers who were supported by Mr Sharples.

Mr Hand said that as well as setting a precedent, disclosure could expose officers to destructive criticism. It was not in the public interest to allow inspection of the sensitive files.

The case continues today.

● Nearly 35,000 complaints were made against the police in England in Wales in 1990, 19 per cent more than in 1989, the Home Office said yesterday. Of these, 847 were substantiated, 11,864 were unsubstantiated, 14,225 withdrawn and 7,958 resolved informally.

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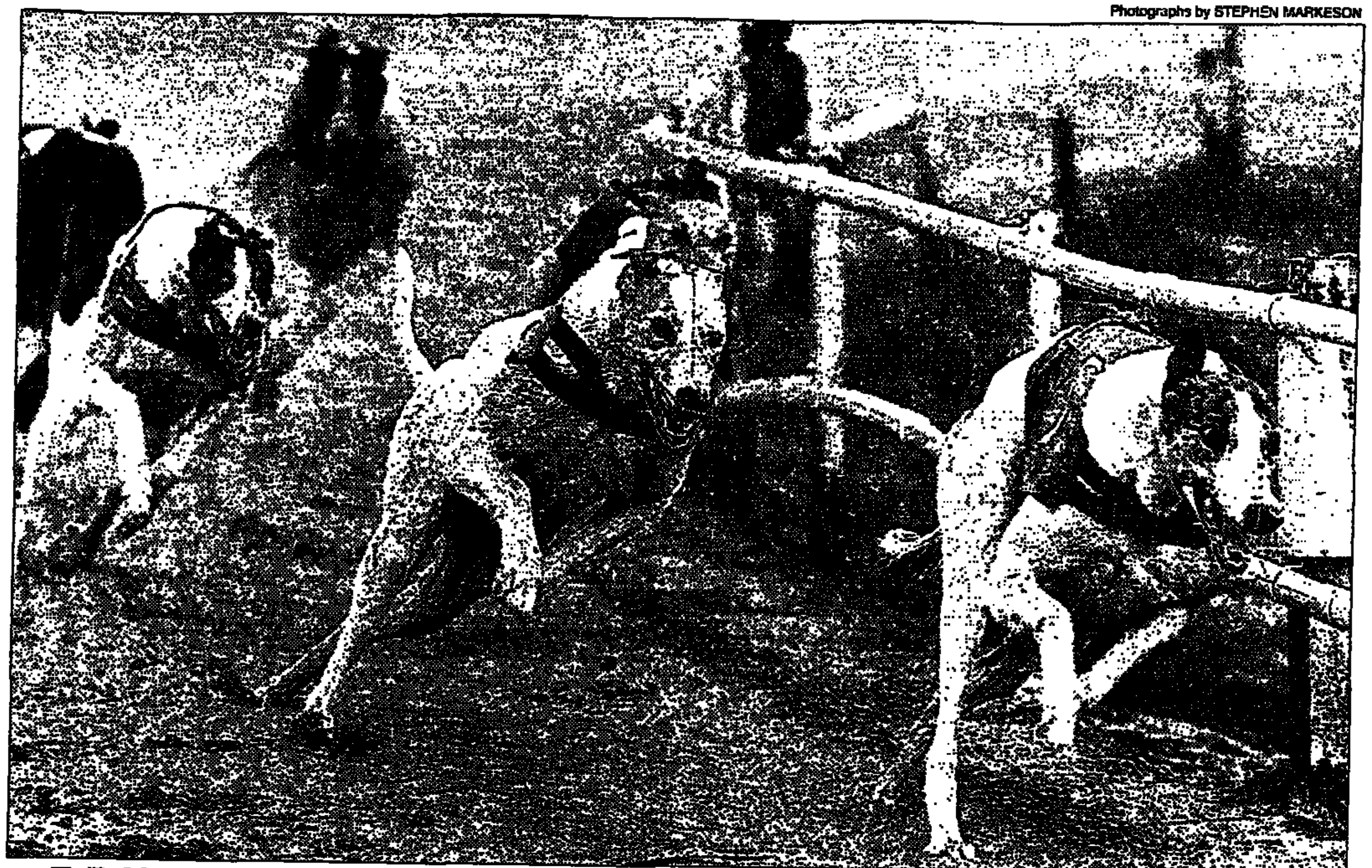


Thrill of the race: greyhounds, showing their form at Hackney Stadium yesterday, have their main audience in the betting shops of Britain

Dog racing seeks payout from the big bookmakers

Bookmakers accused of having a damaging influence on greyhound racing put their case to the Commons home affairs committee today. **John Young** reports

A VISITOR to Hackney Stadium, in east London, yesterday might easily have assumed that its future was as bleak as the weather as half a dozen bookmakers huddled under umbrellas doing a less than brisk trade, and barely a couple of hundred spectators watched the greyhounds splash round a sodden track.

Such an assumption would be wrong. Hackney is known as the million pound circuit, the biggest generator of betting revenue in Britain. Although, on average, only £2,500 is staked on each race on course, £300,000 a race is wagered in betting shops.

Hackney is one of ten tracks contracted to Bookmakers Afternoon Greyhound Services Ltd, which is allied to the Betting Office Licensees' Association, representing off-course bookmakers. Both bodies are to give evidence to the Commons home affairs committee this afternoon.

Five of the tracks also happen to be owned by the so-called Big Three, Monmore and Crayford by Ladbrokes, Romford and Brighton by Corals, and Hackney by Brent Walker (William Hill/Mecca). Attendances at the tracks are largely irrelevant; their sole purpose is to provide a betting medium for punters watching the races on television in the shops.

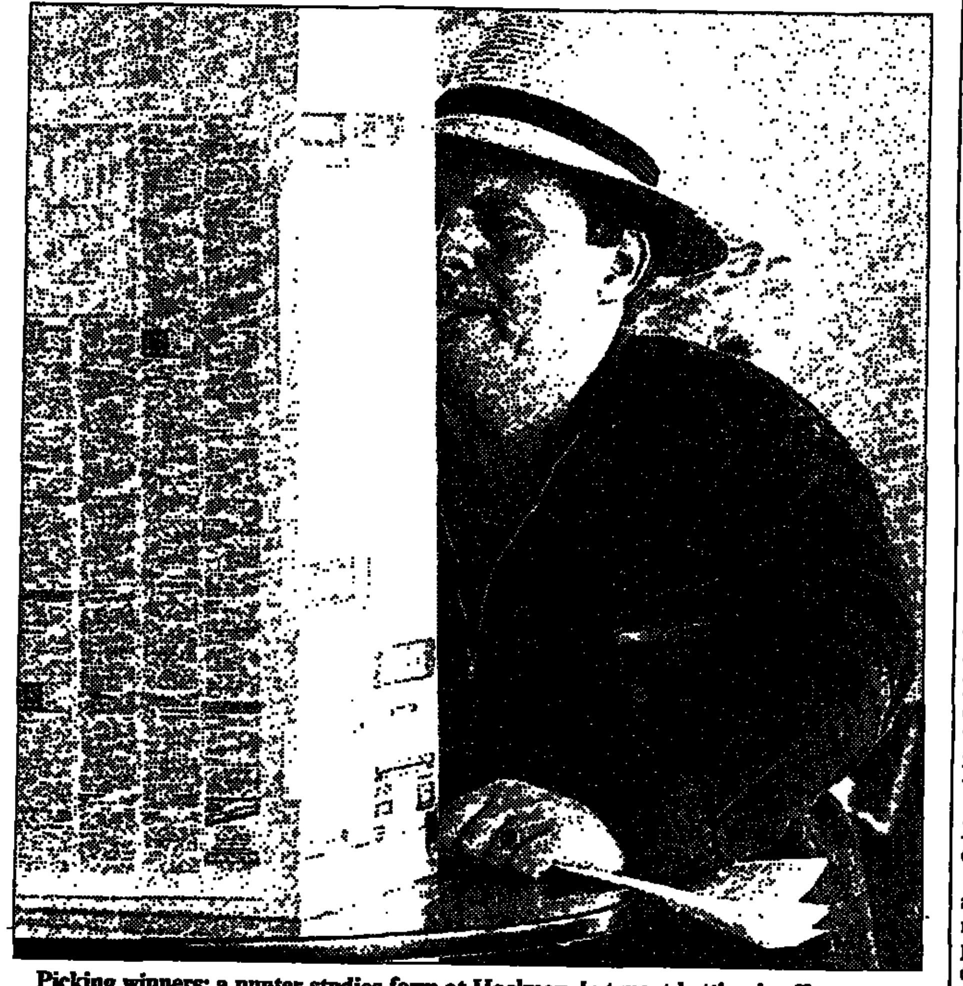
The National Greyhound Racing Club, the sport's governing body, is unhappy with the arrangement. The big bookmakers pay some £3 million to the tracks to stage afternoon racing, of which £2 million comes back to them as owners. In return, they profit from annual turnover of £1,600 million in off-course greyhound betting, all but £200 million of which is on afternoon fixtures.

Moreover, with so little money bet on course, they are effectively able to control starting prices by using agents in the ring. The National Association of Bookmakers, representing on-course layers, believes that the Big Three are acting against the spirit of the 1933 law making it an offence for a stadium proprietor to run a book or have an interest in bookmaking at his track.

To comply with the law, the big bookmakers do not have betting shops on tracks that they own. That, however, is no great sacrifice. As Gordon Hutchinson, an independent bookmaker, put it yesterday: "By coming here, I'm just working for the betting shops. I never make any money on my own pitch. It all used to be quite different before they had television in the shops. You could get 5,000 people here in an afternoon, but television has killed all that."

The racing club wants to be given control of the supply of services to betting shops, which would enable it to extract a fairer price, and it wants a betting levy introduced to finance the sport. Archie Newhouse, the club chief executive, said: "Bookmakers are entirely dependent on us as an organising body to see that greyhound racing is run honestly and according to strict rules."

A levy on greyhound racing would help horse racing, the club says. Lack of a levy means that greyhound racing makes bigger profits for bookmakers, giving them an incentive to encourage it.



Picking winners: a punter studies form at Hackney, but most betting is off-course

Problem youths in home 'locked up too long'

A CHILDREN'S home at the centre of brutality allegations suffered "serious deficiencies", an official report said yesterday.

It criticised staff at Gwent county council's Ty Mawr residential unit near Abergavenny, South Wales, for their failure to keep detailed records of their running of the home. Newspaper reports alleged that boys there were involved in four attempted suicides.

The report, produced by the Welsh Office social services inspectorate, found that some problem youths were locked in the bedroom of a secure accommodation wing for unacceptable lengths of time. The inspectors said that a small unit like Ty Mawr was unsuitable for difficult youngsters needing secure accommodation over a prolonged period.

The investigation was carried out in September 1989, before specific complaints emerged about Ty Mawr, which has places for 50 boys in local authority care.

The inspectors said the keeping of files and procedural records at the home was seriously inadequate. This meant that it was impossible to judge whether guidelines were always followed when youngsters were held in secure accommodation.

The report also discovered evidence that senior staff responsible for admissions found the rules open to interpretation. "That perceived ambiguity has led to a number of stays in the secure accommodation, of both a prolonged and persistent nature, which is unacceptable," it said.

Locking children in self-contained secure accommodation is strictly controlled by Welsh Office regulations and the courts. No child can be kept in secure rooms for a continuous period of more than eight days, or a total of more than 14 days in any three weeks.

Boys were locked in Ty Mawr's secure rooms on 62 occasions during 1988-9.

The inspectors said that although the intention of admission may not have been punishment, there was some evidence that that was how it was perceived by some of the young people.

Record £8.9m award for brain-damaged teenager

By Ray Clancy

A TEENAGE girl who suffered brain damage and is confined to a wheelchair after a road crash was yesterday awarded a record £8.9 million in compensation, to be paid in monthly sums over the next 50 years.

Under a conventional lump sum award Heidi Everett, aged 14, of Watton, Norfolk, would have received £981,000 to provide for her up to the age of 44. But because Heidi, who was also left mute by the accident in November 1980, needs constant nursing care, Mr Justice Morland agreed that she should receive a monthly income for the rest of her life expectancy, put at another 50 years.

The judge told the High Court that he had not hesitated over the structured settlement as it was in the family's best interests. He could "see the devotion that shines through and the dedication from the parents, and the love flowing between Heidi and her parents".

Structured payments are becoming increasingly popular as the legal system recognises the need to provide for victims for the rest of their lives. The guaranteed payments are regarded as being beneficial to everyone involved, helping to avoid tax and investment problems

The court heard that Heidi was a rear passenger in a car being driven by her mother, Pamela Everett, which collided with another vehicle in Feltwell, Norfolk, about 12 miles from her home. The compensation will be paid by Prudential, with whom Mrs Everett was insured. Robin Stewart, QC, counsel for Prudential, told the judge: "I have seen the video film which shows Heidi with her parents. I can say we were moved almost beyond words by the love and devotion of this family and the happiness given to Heidi." He said that the company was happy to do all it could "to secure the future of this young girl".

Heidi had sued her mother for damages through her uncle, Brian Everett. Mrs Everett had denied negligence and blamed Norfolk county council, the local highway authority, saying that a flood in the road had caused the crash. Actions against both Mrs Everett and the council were discontinued.

● Rebecca Field, aged six, who was left brain damaged and paralysed after a hospital error, won an offer of £1.7 million damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Phillips agreed to adjourn the case so that a structured settlement could be reached. He said that Herefordshire health authority, responsible for the hospital where Rebecca was born, had agreed to make the offer and keep it open for further directions to be taken.

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£250 fine for killing alligator

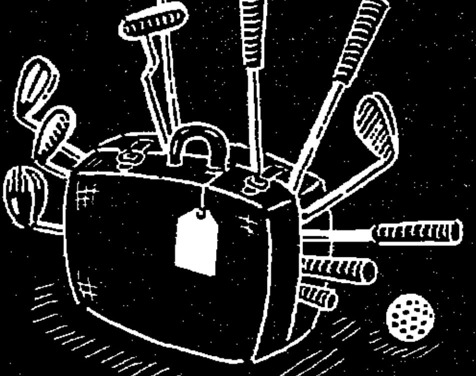
A PET shop owner who killed an alligator by gassing it after it bit him on the hand was fined £250 with £376 costs yesterday for causing unnecessary suffering.

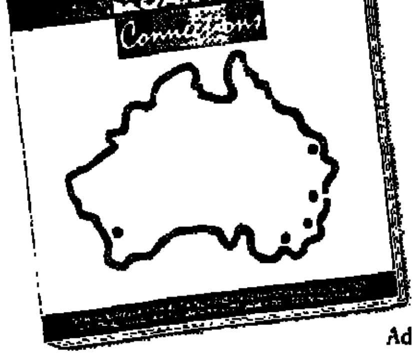
David Neary, aged 32, of Litherland, Merseyside, had been exhibiting the South American alligator, named Fred, at his shop in Liverpool, Bootle magistrates were told.

Ian Robertson, an RSPCA inspector, said he found the reptile dead in the back garden of Neary's home. "Mr Neary said it had turned vicious and attacked him. It had nearly bitten his hand off and he had had to prise it off using a crowbar," he said.

Neary, who denied cruelty and is planning to appeal, told the court that Fred was his shop's major attraction. But it was in a "weird" mood, had smashed its tank and bit him when he tried to put it into another one.

Alan Berg, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said the case highlighted the RSPCA's growing concern at the "unnecessary importation and exploitation of rare and exotic species of animals" not suitable as household pets.





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Green paper says that we eat too much fat, smoke too many cigarettes and do not take enough exercise

Health of Britons among worst in developed world

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

BRITAIN's poor health record among the nations of the developed world, and its failure to improve it in recent years is laid bare in the government's green paper *The Health of the Nation*, published yesterday.

The document, outlining a health strategy with targets for smoking, eating and drinking, treads a precarious path between individual freedom and the nanny state. "We need a proper balance between individual responsibility and government action," it says.

The paper points to Britain's failure to reduce heart disease at the same rate as other countries, its high infant mortality rates, a recent rise in breast cancer deaths and lung cancer deaths among women, and the growth of obesity.

Despite countless reports and government statements on the benefits of a healthier lifestyle, the British still eat too much fat, have high cholesterol levels, exercise too little and smoke too much, it says.

Although cigarette smoking causes 30 per cent of lung cancer deaths and contributes to heart disease and chronic respiratory diseases, a third of adults still smoke. In addition one in four men and one in 12 women drinks more than the recommended limits. Overall intakes of salt are needlessly high, contributing to high blood pressure, and 45 per cent of men and 36 per cent of women are either overweight or obese, a rise of 6 and 4 per cent respectively since 1980.

Although the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA) recommended in 1984 that the amount of fat as a percentage of food energy should be a maximum of 35 per cent, that level is still 42 per cent. Only one third of the adult British population has cholesterol levels in the desired range, with 6 per cent of men and 8 per cent of women having seriously high levels.

Infant mortality rates for England at 9.1 deaths per 1,000 births compare poorly with 4.8 in Japan, 6.8 in Holland, and 7.8 in France.

Average life expectancy, 72.8 years for an English man and 78.3 years for a women, compares with 75.8 years and 81.9 years for their Japanese counterparts. The report also shows that death rates from all causes among 65 to 74-year-old men is higher in England than countries such as Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

The green paper uses the statistics to justify a new strategy to boost preventive health care and ensure that limited resources, now concentrated on treatment, are put to the best effect. Tens of thousands of lives could be saved through illness prevention and early detection of diseases could lead to a better quality life for countless others, the report argues.

"We live in an age where many of these main causes of premature death and unnecessary diseases are related to the way we live our lives."

It outlines a strategy for central government, the National Health Service and individuals to attain a number of health targets by the year 2000. The health service reforms provide a structure to enable local health strategies to be set and monitored through the contracts drawn up with hospitals, it argues.

The paper makes clear that the targets are subject to consultation and offers options in some areas.

Premature deaths from heart disease, which now kills 170,000 people a year, should drop by 30 per cent for those under 65 by 2000. Similarly, deaths from strokes should fall by 30 per cent for those under 65 and 25 per cent for those under 75. It suggests a target for coronary artery bypass grafts of 300 per million population as soon as possible; and a 30-minute time limit for clot-busting drugs to be given to heart attack victims after arriving at hospital.

Although the report says that preventive treatment for some cancers is unproven it argues that tobacco-related cancers would be reduced with falls in smoking.

Existing targets remain for a 25 per cent reduction nationally in breast cancer deaths in the population invited for screening by 2000, and to ensure that all women in the eligible age group are screened for cervical cancer by the end of 1993. The smoking targets are the most detailed and the most ambitious in the report. The targets, calling for an overall reduction in smoking of 33 per cent in men and 30 per cent in women, vary according to age group.

The proposed reduction in those aged 16 to 19 is from 28 per cent of the population to 20 per cent by 2000; for those between 20 and 24 from 37 per cent to 25 per cent; for those aged 25 to 49 from 37 per cent for men and 35 per cent for women to 25 per cent for both; for the over-60s a drop to 15 per cent.

Eating and drinking also come under scrutiny. By 2005 the proportion of obese adults should be 7 per cent or less and the proportion who derive less than 35 per cent of their food energy from fat should be at least 50 per cent. By 2005 fewer than one in six men and one in 18 women should be drinking more than "sensible" alcohol limits.

More nebulous targets are set for preventing accidents, avoiding mental illness and improving the health of pregnant women, infants and children. The report suggests that health authorities should have agreed targets by 1993 to reduce still births and infant deaths, and that the number of infants who are breast-fed at birth should rise from 64 per cent in 1985 to 75 per cent or more by 2000.

Blindness rates and amputation rates from diabetes should be cut as should the number of diabetics with end-stage renal failure and heart disease, the report says. It calls for childhood immunisation rates to rise from 90 to 95 per cent by 1995 and a 90 per cent fall in measles notification.

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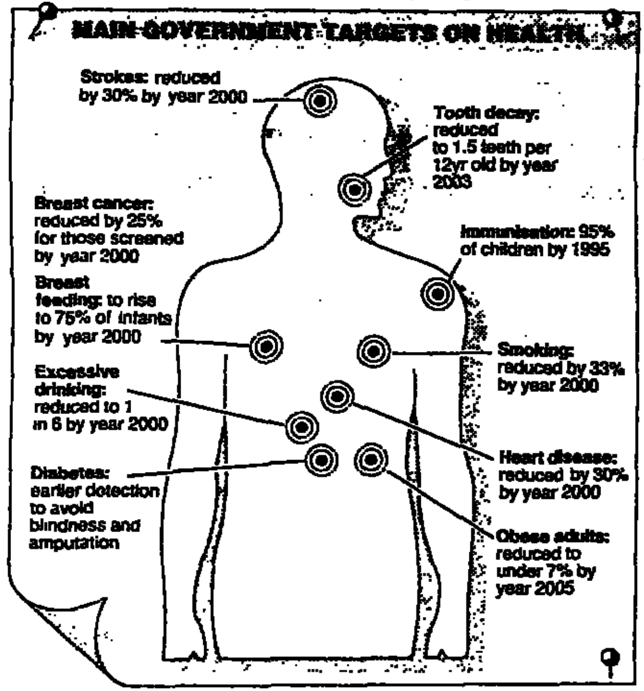
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Strokes: reduced by 30% by year 2000
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Immunisation: 95% of children by 1995
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Smoking: reduced by 33% by year 2000
Excessive drinking: reduced to 1 in 6 by year 2000
Heart disease: reduced by 30% by year 2000
Diabetes: earlier detection to avoid blindness and amputation
Obese adults: reduced to under 7% by year 2005

ADRIAN BROOKS

Keeping check: Dr Koperski checking a patient's blood pressure at his surgery in north London yesterday

Lofty aims and undefined action

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A NATIONAL steering group is to be set up to advise the government on its strategy for health and how to implement it. The English health strategy steering group will help the health secretary, who will be responsible for co-ordinating central government departments to create a healthier Britain. "The centre needs to lead, facilitate and monitor the translation of aspiration into action," the report says.

The document is strong on rhetoric but gives little space to action that other government departments should take to help achieve targets. Although four pages in the report are devoted to what departments such as environment, transport, education and agriculture are already doing to promote health, the report contains no new proposals in those areas.

Despite the report's ambitious targets to reduce smoking, there is no mention of increasing tobacco taxes or banning cigarette advertising, two measures demanded by the Labour party and anti-smoking groups.

Appendices to the reports say that further targets will be set, but it is evident that William Waldegrave has so far failed to pin down his colleagues to suggest their own targets.

The report concedes too that England is still far behind the target set by the World Health Organisation to reduce health differences between the rich and the poor, but fails to propose how that can be improved. "There is a persistent gap between death rates among manual and non-manual classes and the regional targets of reducing the actual differences in health status between groups within countries by at least 25 per cent by the year 2000 does not seem likely on present evidence to be achieved."

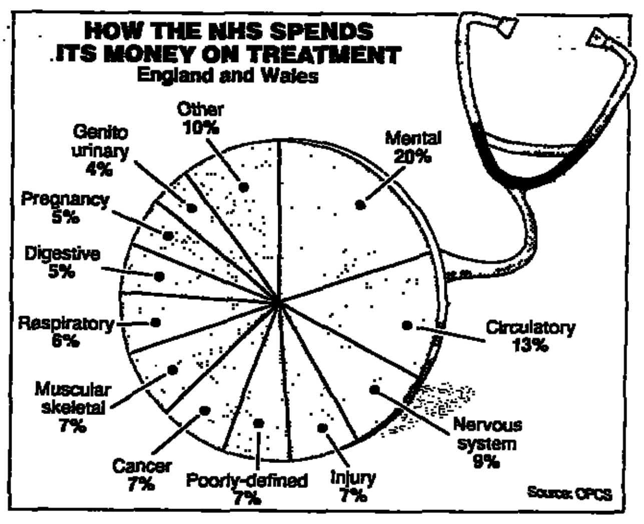
The steering group, whose composition is yet to be determined, will be supported by three other groups: one addressing the government's role, including health education; another examining health priorities and overseeing targets; and the third looking at their implementation in the health service.

The document claims that the national strategy will provide a framework, rather than a blueprint for action at local level. It suggests, however, that the framework must be built onto health service management systems through contracts, audit and review.

Once agreed, action will be monitored through the health service management executive, regional health authorities and family health service authorities. Regions will be held responsible for achieving targets at local level. It does not spell out how these will be reflected in the GPs' contract or into health education.

Nor does it spell out if extra resources are needed or if the cake is to be shared out differently. The report emphasises, however, that the promotion of good health must not be at the expense of health service treatment and care services. "A better balance is needed, not a bias in one direction or another."

The government's definitive details will be set out in a further document focusing on five or six main areas which will be published later this year or next year. Written comments are being invited on the green paper by October 31 on which areas to focus on, what targets to set and how to implement them. The health department will be holding talks with representative organisations.



Practice shows the way on prevention

By Jill Sherman

DR MAREK Koperski, a GP in Kentish town, north London, is already making good progress in translating the green paper's health targets into action.

His practice, which shares with seven other partners, has been at the forefront of illness prevention and health promotion during the past decade; it provides regular clinics for diabetics and asthma sufferers, carries out cervical and breast cancer screening for women, and operates a hypertension, travel and baby clinic.

Ideally, advice on smoking and diet is given to all patients during their consultations, but in practice a GP rarely has time to address even the patient's immediate problems adequately, Dr Koperski says. Under the new GPs' contract, all new patients are expected to have health checks, although many doctors have said they do not have time to treat healthy patients. The message to lead a healthier lifestyle is however instilled into patients attending the Kentish Town surgery through a health education video that tells them where they can go locally to obtain extra help.

Dr Koperski explained the importance of early detection in diseases such as diabetes and asthma. Associated illnesses of diabetes included blindness and renal failure. If the disease is detected early enough, laser treatment can stop blindness progressing and drug therapy can slow down renal failure. Countless deaths from asthma could also be prevented. Peakflow meters, used to monitor lung functions, could help asthma patients to assess the drug doses they needed, he said.

Dr Koperski was in two minds yesterday about the green paper. He has always been an active advocate of health promotion but is concerned about measures to limit an individual's freedom to choose a lifestyle, and sceptical about whether the strategy will be backed by government action and resources.

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	Male	Female
Japan	75.8	81.9
Greece	73.8	81.3
Netherlands	73.7	80.5
Canada	73.3	80.2
Australia	73.2	79.8
Spain	73.1	79.7
France	72.9	79.2
England	72.8	79.1
Italy	72.7	78.7
W Germany	72.3	78.6
Denmark	72.2	78.6
USA	71.6	78.3
Ireland	71.6	78.2
Belgium	71.4	77.9
Luxemburg	70.5	77.7
Portugal	70.5	77.3

Data for 1988 except for Greece, Ireland, USA, Canada and Australia 1987, Belgium and Italy 1986, and Spain 1985.

Kinnock complaint rejected

A COMPLAINT by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and his daughter Rachel that *Today* newspaper intruded into their privacy is rejected today by the Press Complaints Commission.

Mr Kinnock and his daughter complained about a *Today* article headlined "The Boyo Next Door" that followed what the paper called a dust-up between the Labour leader and four youths who taunted him as he gave his daughter a ticking-off. They said that the paper intruded into Miss Kinnock's privacy by publishing inaccurate allegations about her, and published details about Mr Kinnock and his family that intruded into their privacy and increased risks to their security.

The article said that Mr Kinnock had had raging battles with his teenage daughter, which were deadlier than anything the Tories had to offer, listed the times the family was said to leave home and included a picture of the front of the house.

The commission says the paper was ill-advised, for security reasons, to detail the movements of members of the Kinnock family but adds that the location of their home was well known and publicising it further did not amount to a breach of the code.

"This article dealt largely in trivia about Mr Kinnock and his family in which readers might be interested. The Press Complaints Commission does not regard it as malicious or an intrusion into privacy which breaks the code of practice," the commission says.

Export award antique toy firm calls in the receivers

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A COMPANY dealing in antique toys, which won a Queen's Award for Export six weeks ago, has gone into receivership in a sudden downturn of its fortunes.

Mint & Boxed won the award for raising its turnover within eight years from £350,000 to £14 million in the year to June 1990. Clients included Frank Sinatra and Steven Spielberg.

Jeffrey Levitt, its director, said in April that he expected to exceed £27 million for the year ending this month, an unprecedented figure for the tiny models that used to clutter nurseries.

But last week the receivers Arthur Andersen and Company were brought in to decide whether the firm should go into liquidation or continue as a going concern. A spokesman said the decision could take a fortnight.

Mr Levitt was renowned in the toy market for unusual trading methods. He prefixed the more prosaic toys with the word "executive" and promoted them as works of art. Buying at top market prices, he sold on to the rich and famous for up to 20 times what he had paid, according to John Badeley, Sotheby's toy expert.

Last September the Edgware-based company opened grand premises in New York's Madison Avenue. In April he talked of opening a branch in Dover Street, in the West End of London, and claimed he had achieved a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the $1 million paid by a Japanese collector for a Charles hosereel pump — an early American tin toy depicting a fire engine and named Charles.

Sources said one of the reasons for the company's troubles could have been Mr Levitt's pledge to give cash refunds to any clients who wanted to return goods.

John Badeley, of Sotheby's tried to reassure toy collectors yesterday, saying: "The market is still very strong." Sotheby's last toy auction totalled £555,000 with 11 per cent unsold.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry, administrator of the Queen's Awards, said yesterday that he could not think of any other recipient going into receivership so soon after the award was made.

JAMES MORGAN

Car crash? Jeffrey Levitt with some of his wares

Prince and ministers tour moor

By Peter Davenport

THE Prince of Wales spent four hours touring the moors of North Yorkshire yesterday discussing the problems of protecting the sensitive upland environment, while his eldest son recovered from surgery in hospital.

The Princess of Wales cancelled an engagement in West Yorkshire to stay with Prince William, who suffered a depressed fracture of the forehead in a golfing accident at school, but her husband travelled north by train with Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, John Gummer, the agriculture minister and their opposite numbers at the European Commission, Ray MacSharry and Carlo Ripa di Mena.

With a group of conservationists they were discussing ways of protecting the upland moors in the face of growing demands for public access, game management and overgrazing by sheep which is destroying heather and thus reducing the grouse population.

The prince and his party spent most of the day inspecting conservation projects at the Gunnerside Estate in Swaledale, North Yorkshire, of Earl Peel, a council member of English Nature (formerly the Nature Conservancy Council) and a friend of the prince.

An aide said: "The prince has been in touch from the royal train and Gunnerside Lodge to keep up to date with his son's progress. He went ahead with the visit only after lengthy talks with doctors who assured him it was a routine operation."

Police attack 'hidden plan' for reform of local forces

By Stewart Tendler

ANY government plans to alter radically the police system should be debated in the open and not developed secretly as a hidden agenda, the leader of chief constables said yesterday.

The call for openness came from David Owen, chief constable of North Wales and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers, speaking on the eve of the association's summer conference with local authority representatives at Chester.

Worries about a hidden agenda have upset the police ranks for over a year and the anxiety was publicly raised two weeks ago at the annual conference of the Police Federation. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, attempted to allay fears by telling the conference he supported the continuation of the present system.

Home Office sources have also said the police do not feature in any initiatives by Mr Baker but the chief police officers' conference is likely to reflect continuing fears that the change will come, inspired partly by the government's review of local authorities. Later in the week Mr Baker will be a guest at the conference and may try again to dismiss the talk of hidden plans for the police.

Describing the conference agenda yesterday Mr Owen said: "If we want to change the police service or the structure of policing I would hope there will be a full and frank exchange of views. If there is a hidden agenda the sooner it comes out the better. It is unsettling."

He said police forces were already looking at ways of improving themselves but in the background there was talk of national and regional forces. If this was more than rumour it should be discussed openly.

Mr Owen said he would support calls by the Association of County Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities for the retention of the present system which allowed policing to be locally based.

George Bundred, chairman of the metropolitan authorities' police committee, said the government plans for changing local government announced by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, had ruled nothing out. He said while the home secretary was reassuring the police federation last month one of his ministers was talking at the Home Office about changes to the fire service to create an executive agency.

Geoffrey Waterer, chairman of the county council association's police committee, said he did not share the suspicions about the government and saw no evidence of a hidden agenda but he would be opposed to a national police force.

Big future predicted for Rose theatre site

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE Rose theatre would attract up to 150,000 visitors a year if plans to renovate parts of the Tudor playhouse were to go ahead, according to a feasibility study.

The remains, however, would have to be removed from the site near Southwark bridge, London, and returned once preparation work had been carried out. The £20,000 study by Heritage Projects, creators of the Jorvik Viking centre in York, has put forward three options.

The first, costing £2.25 million, would involve a simple display detailing the Rose's history, from its construction in 1587, its destruction in a fire in 1605, and its recent rediscovery. Sounds and smells would help to recreate the 16th-century atmosphere, similar to effects used successfully at Jorvik. Visitors would move around on walkways suspended over the remains.

A second option, favoured by Heritage Projects and costing an estimated £2.9 million, would consist of a multimedia presentation and a recreation of part of the theatre. The exhibition would be beneath the new Rose Court development near Southwark Bridge.

A third option, costing £1.65 million, would be much smaller and simpler, confined to the area above the Rose site itself.

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Legal aid reform proposes end to means testing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

PROPOSALS for a radical approach to the use of public funds to help people to enforce their legal rights were unveiled by the Lord Chancellor yesterday, part of the biggest overhaul of legal aid since it was set up 40 years ago.

The main proposal, contained in a consultation paper, involves scrapping the existing means-tested scheme for civil legal aid and replacing it with a system whereby people must first finance their own litigation up to a certain level, according to their means, before they can qualify for legal aid.

The paper also suggests two other options to publicly funded legal aid: private legal expenses insurance, and a state-run contingency legal aid fund, paid for through a percentage of the damages won by successful litigants.

The paper is the first phase of a three-year review of legal aid and eligibility being conducted by the Lord Chancellor's department. It comes against a background of rising demand for civil legal aid and rising spending. Between 1985 and 1990 the number of legal aid certificates issued rose by 22 per cent, gross spending by 120 per cent from £70 million to £153 million. Over the same period, the average legal aid bill rose from £950 to £1,526.

A key theme of the consultation paper therefore is affordability. Litigation must be made affordable both to the individual litigant and to the taxpaper, it says. Second, the paper emphasises that the need for legal aid should be assessed not just in terms of a person's means, but also in relation to the costs.

"In the absence of financial help, high cost can be an absolute barrier to litigation for those with very limited resources. Others will be able to proceed with a greater or lesser degree of financial sacrifice. Whether they choose to make this sacrifice should largely depend on the importance to them of the issue at stake."

Instead of financing cases that individuals can afford to pay for themselves, public funds should give help to those who now do not qualify and are "effectively debarred from pursuing expensive cases", the report says. Third, the proposals seek to ensure value for money for public money spent. The paper emphasises the need to ensure litigants receive a quality service from lawyers that is efficient and where costs are subject to cost controls and discipline.

The main proposal, the so-called "safety net" scheme, could mean a substantial number of cases now paid for by legal aid coming out of public funds. However, the scheme would still cost an estimated net £2 million to operate.

At present, about 25,000 civil legal aid cases, excluding matrimonial ones, are started By comparison, it is estimated that 65,000 people would litigate with the potential protection of the safety-net scheme, including many who already litigate privately.

A survey of 17,000 legal aid cases showed that the legal costs of the person receiving legal aid were less than £2,500 in 86 per cent of the cases and less than £1,000 in 56 per cent.

The spending level for each litigant would be fixed according to a sliding scale based on a person's means. Someone might have to spend their own finances up to any level from £50 to more than £11,000.

Litigants would begin their cases privately and could apply for legal aid if and only when the actual costs exceeded a level commensurate with their means. That could be anything from £50 to £11,000. The consultation paper estimates that there would be about 44,000 cases started every year where the person would not exceed his spending limit. Once they had reached that limit (to be determined according to a formula) they would be entitled to legal aid, subject to a merits test.

The main thrust of the "safety net" scheme would be at those who are now ineligible for legal aid: those in the so-called "middle-income trap". The scheme would not affect people who now receive free legal aid, who would continue to do so. Nor, the paper suggests, might it affect some of those on legal aid who now have to have to pay a contribution to their legal costs. "Those whose costs were low in relation to their spending capacity would not enter legal aid. Others facing high costs in relation to their resources could obtain help."

The proposal, the green paper argues, would encourage litigants to take realistic decisions about whether to proceed at the outset and as the case unfolded; and to take a greater interest in controlling progress. As a private client, paying his own solicitor direct, the litigant might feel in a stronger position to question the conduct of the case. He would also have an incentive to settle.

However, among drawbacks to the proposal are the uncertainty for the litigant starting a case of knowing whether he will ultimately be granted legal aid, with "an uncertain and possibly large liability in respect of his opponent's costs".

Review of Financial Conditions for Legal Aid: Eligibility for Civil Legal Aid, a consultation paper (Lord Chancellor's department; £2)

MARC ASPLAND

Legal aides: barristers outside the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand yesterday

Expansion urged of insurance for legal costs

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

AN EXTENSION of private legal expenses insurance and a state-funded contingency legal aid fund are the two other main proposals outlined yesterday.

Legal expenses insurance has been available in Britain for more than 15 years although a survey carried out for the consultation paper found just 7 per cent of respondents were covered compared with almost half of households in West Germany.

Promotion of legal expenses insurance, however, faces the obstacle that most people do not expect to become involved in litigation, the report says. With few people willing to insure against a risk they see as remote, insurers find it hard to get the spread of risks they need. The solution, the report says, can lie only in a significant expansion of volume, coupled with greater control over cases and costs. Another problem is that most policies exclude certain types of proceedings.

The idea of a contingency legal aid fund, paid for through the winnings of successful litigants, was first mooted in 1966 by Justice, the law reform group. The only existing example, in Hong Kong, was set up as an adjunct to legal aid but is limited to plaintiffs in personal injury cases.

Although such a fund is meant to assist chiefly those who do not qualify for legal aid, it could also replace legal aid in certain circumstances and reduce the burden on the taxpayer. Under the scheme, a plaintiff who fails to recover damages need pay nothing. Successful plaintiffs have to pay a percentage of the damages they recover.

A scheme for non-family litigation would be viable with fees for defendants, or claimants not seeking damages, at about £300; and deductions set at 25 to 30 per cent of the money recovered. There would be an application fee of £25.

The scheme would be an effective means of helping people face the costs of litigation without penalising their opponents, the report concludes. Likely winners might still opt for legal aid; those less sure of their prospects might prefer the contingency legal aid fund.

Nigerian cheque account warning

The Foreign Office and police forces have been alerted by fraud squad officers after two Swindon companies received letters from Nigeria asking them to filter millions of American dollars through their bank accounts in return for large cash incentives.

The letters, one from a Nigerian calling himself the Honourable Prince Edward and involving a transaction of $40 million, have been sent for forensic examination.

Acting Det Sergeant Andrew Griffiths, of Swindon's cheque fraud squad, said: "The letters are a serious attempt to obtain details of business bank accounts. It is a new theme of fraud and our worry is that others receiving this letter may have acted on it."

VAT man jailed

Chandrakant Merchant, a VAT officer, of New Southgate, north London, was jailed for nine months by the Central Criminal Court yesterday after admitting a charge of corruption by receiving boxes of mangoes and £500 cash from a north London fruit company.

Death fall

Transport police are treating as suspected suicide the death of Thomas Drinon, aged 14, of Fishbourne, West Sussex, who fell from a train yesterday near Amberley, West Sussex, on his way to school. A note was found in a schoolbook.

Case dropped

A wife who claimed she had been raped three times by her husband of 17 years withdrew her case yesterday at Teesside magistrates' court.

Manly task

A man has been chosen to chair the women's sub-committee on Kirklees council, West Yorkshire.

Bond winner

The £250,000 National Savings premium bond prize for June has been won by the holder of bond number 9DL 751754, who lives in Kent.

Souvenir plan rocks Blarney Castle

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE Blarney Stone, Ireland's most famous tourist attraction after Guinness, is at the centre of a row over plans by an American company to sell as souvenirs bits of rock said to be from the same quarry as the stone.

Huibrecht Luykx, a Dublin entrepreneur, hopes that up to 800,000 Americans will buy pieces of the limestone, mounted on wooden plinths and priced at about £20, over the next three years. However, the owners of Blarney Castle, home of the famous stone about five miles northwest of Cork, want nothing to do with the scheme, even though Mr Luykx has offered them a lucrative stake in it.

Charles Colthurst, the eldest son of the owner of the castle, which was originally built by Cormac Laidir MacCarthy in 1446, believe Mr Luykx's venture will deflect interest in the ancient castle itself.

An estimated 170,000 people a year kiss the Blarney Stone in what the Shell Guide to Ireland describes as a ridiculous and relatively modern custom of unknown origin. The myth, enthusiastically endorsed by the Irish Tourist Board, is that those who kiss the stone will magically acquire the gift of the gab.

Mr Luykx and his distributors in the US, Madison and Co, based in Delaware, are attempting to circumvent Mr Colthurst by claiming to have found a quarry outside the castle demesne, from which the original stone was taken.

Mr Luykx has been quoted as saying an investigation by his company, Blarney Stone Enterprises, demonstrated that the masonry of the castle was derived from the quarry and that it was "conceivable" the Blarney Stone originated from the same source.

Gregory Bowman, the American president of Madison, said his intention was not to take anything away from the castle, but to "enhance the whole blarney concept".

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Expelled Labour councillor leads Liverpool challenge

Mahmood: onslaught on Kinnock leadership

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A MILITANT-backed challenge to the Labour party in Eric Heffer's Liverpool Walton constituency appeared certain last night after an attack on Neil Kinnock by the hard left's expected candidate.

The prospect of a bloody by-election in the seat made vacant by Mr Heffer's death last week is viewed with mixed feelings by party leaders.

Fears that the contest will revive memories of Labour's past troubles with its left wing are balanced by the belief that a decision from Militant to stand against the official Labour candidate will make it difficult for charges that the tendency is still involved in the party to stick. The likely challenger to Peter Kilfoyle, the official candidate, is Lesley Mahmood, deputy leader of the "broad left" group of Liverpool councillors who have been expelled from the party. Mr Kilfoyle, who as Labour's north-west regional organiser spearheaded the fight against Militant on Merseyside, is hated by the hard left.

Yesterday Ms Mahmood accused Mr Kinnock of imposing yes-men all over the city and of wanting to impose a yes-man on the constituency. Ms Mahmood, aged 39, who described herself as a militant socialist, said that Mr Kilfoyle's position as a full-time official had given him an unfair advantage in the selection contest for the seat. Ms Mahmood, who represents Netherley ward on the council, was one of the 25 councillors recently expelled from the party. Her group put up candidates against Labour in the recent local elections and had five successes.

Ms Mahmood, interviewed on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, said serious discussion was taking place within the broad left about putting up a candidate. She said: "There is a great feeling among the people in Walton and the rank and file that somebody should succeed Eric Heffer who would be in the tradition of the fighting socialist that he was."

She said that Mr Heffer had been concerned at the direction of the Labour party nationally. Asked whether she thought Mr Heffer would have approved of an unofficial candidate, she said that had Mr Heffer not been a national figure he might well have found himself outside the party sooner or later. He had been removed from the NEC and the national leadership for speaking in support of the people of Liverpool.

A contest against Mr Kilfoyle would be about the sort of Labour government there should be. Asked whether Militant was involved in the broad left, she said that there was a wide variety of views within the group. She had no problem in saying she was a militant socialist.

Mr Heffer's widow Doris has said that Mr Kilfoyle was not the candidate her husband would have wanted.

Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, said yesterday that Militant had exposed themselves as a separate party. He accused Militant of using questionable tactics in the local elections by confusing electors as to whether they were the official party candidates.

He suggested that Labour had much to gain from the "clarity" Militant had provided by its decision to challenge Labour. "We now have a situation where everybody can see that these people are a separate party to the extent that they are ready and willing to put up candidates against Labour", he said.

Clark hints at British tank

By JOHN WINDER

DEFENCE

AN announcement on a new tank for the army is to be made before the end of this month, **Alan Clark**, defence procurement minister, told the Commons yesterday, when he appeared to indicate his own preference for a home-based order.

After being pressed to say that the new tank would be the Challenger, rather than the German Leopard, he said: "No one could possibly relish the task of explaining to the Commons that we were going to buy a German tank". Mr Clark said that he recognised the concern of the House that the decision should not be delayed unnecessarily, but he would not be drawn into discussion of detail.

John Battle, Labour MP for Leeds West, home of the Vickers tank factory, demanded that the minister should confirm that his military advisers had recommended to the government that it should lease the Leopard.

Mr Clark said that there was no such body as his military advisers. He received advice from a range of people.

Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C) said that the Gulf war had shown the Challenger to be the best tank in the world.

Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne East, Lab) urged the minister to say now that he would buy British and **Anthony Beaumont-Dark** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that he would need the tongue of a Cicero to convince Conservatives that the Leopard or any other foreign tank should be bought.

Mr Clark replied: "I welcome the mood of the House and the message I am getting from both sides".

During prime minister's questions later, **John Major** said that he hoped a decision on the new main battle tank would not be too long delayed. As soon as military conditions were right for a decision to be made it would be made.

David Clelland, Labour MP for Tyne Bridge, pressing the case for the Challenger, said that the decision should be made in favour of not only the British army, but also in favour of British manufacturing industry and workers.

Battle: Leopard "choice of advisers"

Major rejects dogs register

The prime minister again made clear yesterday the government's rejection of a dog registration scheme. On the day that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, introduced his bill to tighten controls on dogs and 250 breeders marched on Westminster in protest at plans to destroy fighting dogs, Mr Major told the Commons that a registration scheme would be ineffective, bureaucratic, expensive to operate and difficult to enforce.

His comments came in response to a question from Eric Illsley, Labour MP for Barnsley Central. Reflecting Labour policy, he said that in view of recent horrific attacks the government should introduce a register at the earliest opportunity in the interests of responsible dog ownership.

Oil slick aid

The environment and transport departments have each made a single £500,000 contribution to the International Maritime Organisation's Gulf oil pollution disaster fund, Patrick McLoughlin, transport under secretary, said in a written reply.

Vacant land

Government departments are holding just over 4,500 acres of unused and under-used land according to figures issued in a written reply from Sir George Young, the housing and planning minister.

School meals

The number of children taking school meals has fallen steadily since 1979, according to figures in a written reply from Michael Fallon, the schools minister. In 1979, 64 per cent of children had school meals. By 1983 the number was 50 per cent and last year 43 per cent.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Debates on Opposition motions on the government of London and on training and unemployment. Lords (2.30): Debates on arms sales to the Third World and on co-ordination of international action after disasters.

Ridley claims support of prime minister on currency

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE

TORY divisions over Europe will be highlighted again tonight when Nicholas Ridley claims the support of John Major in the battle against a single European currency.

The former trade and industry secretary will urge the government to resist the Delors compromise on European union that would allow the rest of the Community to go forward with a single currency leaving Britain to decide later.

The sensitivity of the European issue in the party was underlined when Mr Ridley denied yesterday interpretations of a speech he has yet to make. After leaks of the speech, he denounced as mischievous suggestions that tonight's speech to the Bruges Group was designed to embarrass Mr Major. However, it comes as ministers are desperately trying to put the European debate on hold.

Senior government yesterday strenuously denied suggestions that Britain was about to sign a deal that would allow the rest of the Community to agree to a single currency in December, with a final decision on British participation reserved to a future parliament.

They pointed to last week's speech by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in which he said that a single currency was a long way down the road and that that there was no need for the Community as a whole to make a decision about it now. Mr Lamont's speech pleased the Conservative Euro-sceptics. One said last night there was not a line in it with which he disagreed.

Mr Ridley will point out in tonight's speech that in the past Mr Major has voiced opposition to a single currency and spoken consistently of the need to protect Britain's sovereignty.

Mr Ridley said yesterday that his speech would be "strongly supportive" of the prime minister and the governemnt in its approach to the thorny issues of political and economic union.

A similar approach was taken by the Euro-sceptics when they tabled a Commons motion last month opposing the so-called Delors compromise. It was couched in terms of support for the prime minister but was taken as warning to him not to give too much ground in the forthcoming decisions on European economic and monetary union.

Despite Mr Ridley's denial that he was trying to cause difficulties for Mr Major, his claim that the prime minister is at one with the Bruges Group will infuriate the European wing of the party. It was learnt last night that Mr Ridley's prepared speech says of Mr Major: "He shares the Bruges Group's views, although we may not be so popular with other members of the government". Elsewhere the prepared text adds: "So let us give all support to John Major in his efforts to halt a single currency".

Mr Major has always made plain his opposition to the imposition of a single currency. Mr Lamont spoke last week of Britain's scepticism about a single currency and denied that the government was abandoning Mr Major's plan for "hard ecu" as a common, not single, currency for the Community. Mr Lamont said: "The point is that the current discussions are not about whether the UK, or any other country, should be excluded explicitly or implicitly, from any future single currency area. We are not deciding now whether at some time in the future the UK will, or will not, adopt a single currency."

Ridley: belief that Major is at one with Bruges Group

Rifkind builds alliance to shift freight to rail

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TRANSPORT

A TRIPARTITE alliance between the transport department, the providers of freight distribution services, and the customers who use them, will be created to help to shift goods from road to rail, Malcolm Rifkind, transport secretary, said yesterday.

Delivering the Westminster lecture to the Tory Reform Group in London, Mr Rifkind said: "I propose to invite the freight industry to work with the transport department and British Rail in identifying measures which would enable them to use rail for their freight requirements".

The initiative comes after last week's announcement that British Rail is to lose its monopoly to provide passenger and freight services. The move is an attempt to revitalise the railways and relieve traffic congestion on motorways and trunk roads by enabling private firms to exploit the new opportunities for combined road-rail transport.

Responding to the widespread scepticism that greated last week's announcement, Mr Rifkind said: "I am aware that transferring a significant amount of freight from road to rail will not be easy". Although the government opposed using large taxpayer subsidies to switch freight from road to rail, it was prepared to provide financial incentives for private sidings and encourage firms to compete with British Rail.

Mr Rifkind said: "It is clear that there are many companies who would like to see their freight carried by rail, who have not felt attracted to the opportunities available so far, but who are enthusiastic either to offer rail services themselves or to use those that might be provided by a revived British Rail or by new entrants" to the market.

However, because of Britain's geography, and the domination of the car, demands for mobility have been met to a large degree by road transport, Mr Rifkind said. "The statistics are inescapable: 89 per cent of inland freight is delivered by road, and 93 per cent of passenger journeys are by car. I hope that we will be able to change those figures to the benefit of rail. But I am a practical man and I recognise realities," he added.

Mr Rifkind added that there were many freight journeys, particularly on the long hauls for which rail ought to be commercially competitive but which remain overwhelmingly dominated by road. "Freight organisations have already identified missed rail freight opportunities, and I wish to accumulate all the relevant information so that we can respond in a positive manner", he said.

Attacking critics of the road building programme, which is now valued at £20 billion because of inflation, the transport secretary said: "Our competitive position as a trading nation depends upon efficient road routes, enabling industry to deliver on time and at a keen price." Increased traffic congestion could not be tackled by abandoning the roads programme.

Newton plans to bring back 'parents penalty'

By JOHN WINDER AND PETER MULLIGAN

ABSENT PARENTS

THE CHILD support agency to trace absent parents and secure maintenance payments from them will create 2,200 jobs in six locations throughout the United Kingdom.

Tony Newton, social security secretary, announced yesterday that the agency will have offices in Belfast, Birkenhead, Dudley, Falkirk, Hastings and Plymouth.

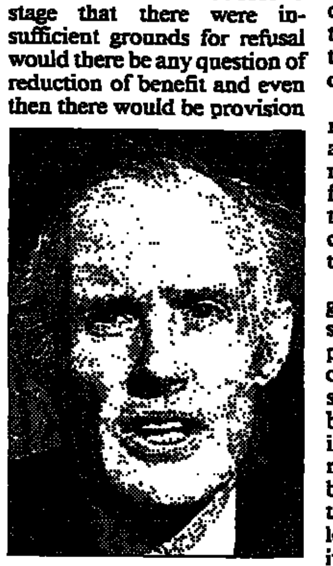
The agency is to be set up under the child support bill, which he moved later in the Commons. It will involve about 500 administrative jobs in each place and Mr Newton said that he hoped many would be filled locally. The choice had been made after investigating a hundred possible sites.

He said that it would be an independent executive agency, with a chief executive reporting to him. Its role will be to trace absent parents, assess how much they should contribute to children's upbringing and enforce the payments.

Moving the second reading of the bill, he was greeted with Labour protests when he said that the government intended to restore the right, removed by the House of Lords, to penalise single parents who refused to co-operate in finding and securing maintenance from their missing partners.

The Lords, who have considered and amended the Bill, removed the power to reduce a parent's own benefit if she or he refused to cooperate in securing maintenance for a child from a former partner. "We believe that there is an important principle here and we therefore propose to seek restoration of such a power, but there will be no question of any reduction of benefit until the most thorough consideration of the reasons for the parent's refusal to seek maintenance for her child."

A parent who believed she had good reason for not seeking maintenance would have full oppprtunity to make her case and would have time to reflect and make representations before the case was considered by a different child support officer. Only if it was considered at that second stage that there were insufficient grounds for refusal would there be any question of reduction of benefit and even then there would be provision for further appeal. There would be a time limit for any reduction.



Newton: wants to reverse Lords change

Michael Meacher, Opposition spokesman, complained that there was still no clear indication of a formula and said that every organisation concerned was opposed to the reintroduction of deduction from benefit.

Mr Newton replied that it was a difficult drafting problem to provide that a parent had grounds for refusal to cooperate where distress or harm might be caused. Even if the absent parent was on income support, there should still be a small contribution to meeting a maintenance liability.

He announced that the government had concluded that courts should have the power to make discretionary additional awards in cases of a disabled child.

Earlier he said that child mainteance was not working as it should. It was fragmentary, involved many different court officers, and was too slow, with a quarter of cases in magistrates' courts taking more than two months.

Mr Meacher said that the government's intention to restore the clause deleted by peers should be vigororusly opposed. It was impossible, he said, that the deduction could be carried out without harming the child. In some cases, it might cause children to be being taken into care because the mother could no longer look after them. "That by itself should be a decisive reason for not reintroducing this benefit reduction."

UK 'is not isolated'

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government has rejected suggestions that it is isolated in its opposition to the European social charter.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that a number of European Community states are opposed to aspects of the charter, which is being translated into 47 separate items under the social action programme being drawn up in Brussels. In a speech to the Foreign Press Association in London yesterday, Mr Howard said that Jacques Delors, president of the commission, and Jean-Claude Junker, Luxembourg's employment and finance minister and president of the social affairs council, have both conceded that no one country is responsible for failure to reach agreement on the programme.

While denying that Britain has changed its stance on the charter, Mr Howard indicated that he can accept most of the proposals on the table. However, he will insist that about ten of the planned directives remain unacceptable because they will push up employers' costs, make British industry less competitive and threaten jobs.

Kinnock 'sinking to a new low'

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

QUESTION TIME

IN ONE of the most bitter Commons clashes yet between the two main party leaders, John Major accused the Labour leader yesterday of sinking to a new low. "Week after week Mr Kinnock sinks to a new low", he said "and we will see how low he sinks in the months ahead."

He had clearly been angered by Neil Kinnock's comment: "When the prime minister cannot give a straight answer to a straight question his last refuge is to try to sound like Margaret Thatcher. No wonder she said at the weekend 'I chose him'."

Their clash had started when **Mr Kinnock** asked if the prime minister thought that the recession, rising unemployment and increasing poverty would improve or make worse the nation's health.

Mr Major said that the nation's health had improved and the announcement by the health secretary would improve it further.

Mr Kinnock said that as there were clear links between low incomes and high death rates and illness, would Mr Major do something to combat unemployment and the recession instead of saying it was a price worth paying.

Mr Major retorted that it was "rich" for Mr Kinnock to talk about unemployment which always doubled under a Labour government. Labour's minimum wage policy would destroy jobs and its penal tax proposals would destroy incentives and investment.

He said that he agreed with remarks by Gavin Laird, general secretary of the engineering union, that a minimum wage would be cruel and would lead to further unemployment. "Mr Kinnock's plan for a minimum wage has very few friends left."

Guardsmen case studied

THE prime minister has agreed to look into the case of the three Grenadier guardsmen who each lost legs in a training accident in Canada in July 1989. During Commons questions yesterday John Major said: "I am satisfied that the proper grounds for compensation should be on the basis of legal liability and it is on that basis that I will examine the matter".

John Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, had pressed Mr Major to order that the three men should be given ex-gratia payments. He pointed out that more than 200 MPs from all parties had signed a Commons motion seeking compensation.

On Monday night, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, told MPs that nobody was to blame for the accident. The three were being provided with generous disability allowances and pension benefits. One of the men struck a buried shell while digging a trench.

Lamont joke turns a little sour

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FINANCE BILL

DAVID Shaw led a vain attempt yesterday to keep the flame of Thatcherism alive at Westminster as he rallied MPs against Norman Lamont's plan to tax "one of the greatest scourges of modern life" – the mobile telephone.

The Tory MP for Dover, revealing himself to be a true Thatcherite, opposed the anti-Yuppie clause 29 of the finance bill on the ground that it is a "stupid piece of legislation" resulting in another 15 million pieces of paper to be processed. Rather than hitting the idle rich, the tax would penalise the hardest-working enterpreneurs, the self-employed and the small businessmen who did not clock off at 5pm.

What appeared as the Chancellor's stab at introducing a note of humour during his March Budget speech turned into the mobile telephone revolt in Commons committee room 10 yesterday . Although the government won the vote by 21 votes to 14, the backbench Tory MPs predict a compromise to exempt small businesses before the bill returns to the full House later this summer.

MPs understand that the idea of a new £200 tax came to Mr Lamont when he was disturbed in his favourite Kensington restaurant by the cries of "Hello, Hello" which reveals the proximity of a mobile telephone user. Oddly, the manager of that restaurant L'Incontro, has disclosed that he bans their use.

Nick Brown, a Labour Treasury spokesman, pointed out that the ability to snap a tax on something that irritates one a luxury afforded to few other MPs. Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, advised the Chancellor not to try to insert proposals into the Budget just to make jokes.

Mr Brown and Mr Shaw declared an interest as they both use mobile telephones. Mr Brown said that his had been useful when he broke down on the motorway a few weeks ago. Like all other ministers, John Maples, the economic secretary, also has a car phone.

Mr Lamont's proposal is to tax employees using their mobile telephones to make personal calls.

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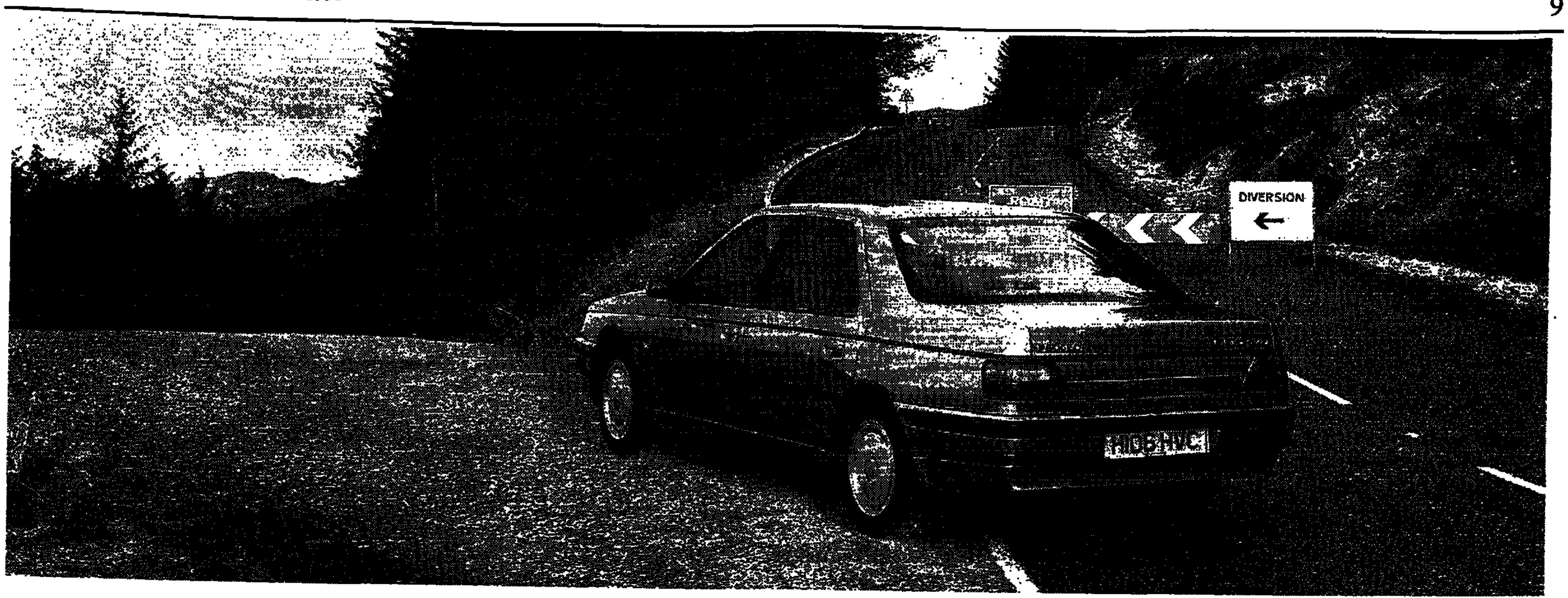

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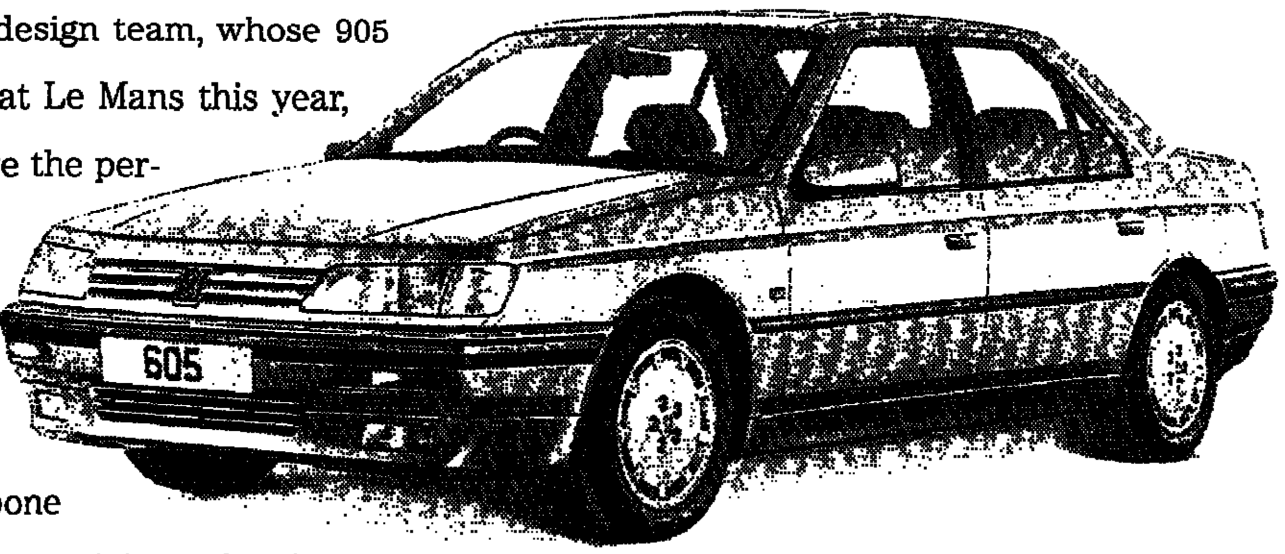

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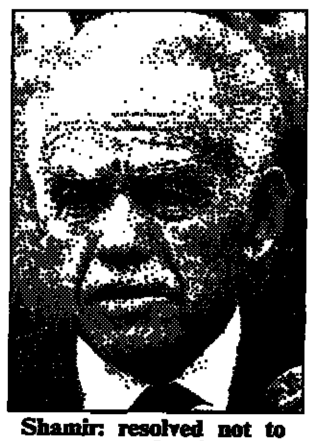
Shamir ready to reject US plea for concessions

From RICHARD BEESTON
IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, seems certain to reject a final American effort to bring Arab states and Israel to the negotiating table when he responds to a letter from President Bush in the coming days.

According to senior Israeli officials and press reports, Mr Shamir is adamant that he will not retreat on two key procedural points that have stalled Washington's initiative, and which prompted Mr Bush to appeal to both Israel and Syria to show greater flexibility and accept a compromise solution. Mr Bush sent letters to the leaders of Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia setting out the American strategy to bring about a regional peace conference to settle the Palestinian and Arab-Israeli disputes.

The correspondence was the result of two months of intensive diplomacy by James Baker, the American Secretary of State, who achieved some level of agreement between the traditional Arab and Israeli enemies. But his efforts became bogged down over the UN role in any negotiations and the format of the talks.



Shamir: resolved not to retreat on key issues

Damascus insists that the UN must be an active participant, but Israel wants the organisation to play no part in the talks and insists that the conference should convene only once before breaking up into bilateral discussions between Israel and the various Arab states. In his letter to Mr Shamir, President Bush attempted to push through a compromise whereby the UN would have observer status and no executive powers and the conference would reconvene every six months to assess what progress had been made in the bilateral contacts.

But yesterday it became clear that Mr Shamir feels he has shown as much flexibility as he can and will refuse to offer any more concessions. Moshe Katzav, Israel's transport minister and a confidant of Mr Shamir, said that the government could not hand the UN "any sort of tool" after its traditionally hostile position towards the Jewish state.

Although Mr Shamir has not publicly responded to Mr Bush's letter, he made it clear on Monday after the weekly Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee meeting that he felt Washington had tried to push the whole process too quickly. "We would be ready to deposit any agreements with the UN and ask for the UN to ratify them," Mr Shamir was quoted as saying in the meeting. "The US wants more than that."

If the Israeli rejection proves to be correct, the American peace drive may finally have come to an end. Mr Bush will then have to decide whether to pursue what Washington once termed the "window of opportunity" made available by the victory in the Gulf war or to suspend his efforts in the Middle East for the time being.

● **Washington:** A report in *The Washington Post* yesterday said that Mr Bush had appealed to Mr Shamir to make the biggest compromises, arguing that it was in Israel's interests to do so and that a peace settlement would enable it to divert its energy and resources to settling tens of thousands of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants (Martin Fletcher writes).

Mr Bush asked Mr Shamir to reconsider his rejection of an American formula that would permit no more than one "silent UN observer" at the table and the reconvening of the conference only with the consent of all participants.

Israelis renew raids on Lebanon

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO
IN BEIRUT

FOR the second consecutive day, Israeli fighter-bombers yesterday raided Palestinian and Lebanese guerrilla bases near Sidon, killing at least six people and wounding 30 others. The three-hour attack was the 12th air strike this year. It clearly signalled Israel's determination to continue to crush Lebanon-based guerrilla groups despite potential repercussions in the face of the broad security pact ratified by Beirut and Damascus on Monday.

Witnesses said that among the wounded were ten secondary school pupils whose school in Abra was hit by rocket fire in the first wave of the attack. They said several guerrilla posts near the neighbouring villages of Salhiye and Marjayoun in the valleys east of Sidon were flattened.

Police in Sidon said the number of casualties was expected to rise as rescue workers searched through the rubble of several buildings demolished by barrages of air-to-surface missiles. "We had not seen an attack of this proportion in quite some time," said a Lebanese engineer who watched the raid from the rooftop of his house.

Running for cover: Lebanese rush to shelter from Israeli bombs in Abra yesterday

It was not a retaliatory raid. No guerrilla group has launched an attack against the Israelis in southern Lebanon in more than two weeks. Whatever the real motives behind the last two raids, there is consensus among ordinary Lebanese and politicians that Israel is essentially trying to make a point or two. Clearly, the pact by which Syria is supposed to defend Lebanon is not deterring the Israelis.

Shortly after Monday's raid in which four people died, Fares Bweiz the Lebanese foreign minister, accused Israel of trying to escalate regional tension to sabotage international efforts aimed at promoting Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Yesterday, some government officials in Beirut claimed there was yet another hidden intention: Israel wants to embarrass Damascus by challenging President Assad to honour his commitments to Lebanon, knowing that the Syrian government is likely to respond only with words.

Police in Algiers fire on protesters

Algiers — The electoral trial of strength between the Algerian government and its main opposition, the powerful Islamic Salvation Front, began to disintegrate yesterday when police, using live and rubber bullets, opened fire in the centre of Algiers (Penny Gibbins writes).

So far one teenage girl has been reported to have died from a heart attack and at least 700 casualties have been treated for the effects of tear gas. One protester was seriously wounded by gunfire shortly after the government announced a ban on all unauthorised public gatherings. Thousands of angry militants, replying with stones to the police, chanted: "He is dead ... It is our first martyr."

As the wounded man was taken away in an ambulance, police fired in the air and demanded that the crowd disperse. The capital has been shaken by three days of disturbances and most shops closed yesterday . Taxis and public transport stopped as people, fearful of being caught up in clashes between fundamentalist demonstrators and the security forces, stayed at home. The fundamentalists, who began their marches around the city 12 days ago to mark the start of an indefinite general strike, have been bringing central Algiers to a virtual standstill on a daily basis, despite attempts by the security forces to break up the crowds.

Police with riot shields, truncheons, tear gas and gas masks have been clashing with bearded young men clutching vinegar-soaked handkerchiefs, while Algiers echoes to police and ambulance sirens mingled with the chants of thousands of men and women demanding a new president and an Islamic state.

Gaza expansion

Jerusalem — The government plans to build factories and 2,000 housing units in the occupied Gaza Strip to provide jobs and houses for 10,000 Jewish settlers, defying repeated American protests. A settlement leader confirmed that construction was already under way on some apartments in Gaza. *(AP)*

Indian offer

Delhi — India has offered food and medicine on commercial credit terms to Iraq, which has been seeking in vain to arrange food deals with Western countries since the Gulf war. A spokesman said India could provide wheat, rice, sugar and tea, allowd under UN sanctions, but no deal has yet been signed. *(Reuter)*

Egyptians return

Cairo — Egypt, which withdrew most of its forces from the Gulf last month, is to send a fresh contingent of up to 4,000 troops to Kuwait. The new units will be deployed along the Kuwait-Iraq border alongside Syrian soldiers and a joint force from the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council. *(AFP)*

Death demand

Kuwait City — A prosecutor demanded the execution of four men accused of raping at gunpoint and then poisoning four women during the Iraqi occupation of the emirate. The martial-law court was told the men — three Iraqi brothers and a Palestinian — abducted the women from the streets. *(Reuter)*

Emirates given helicopter deal

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

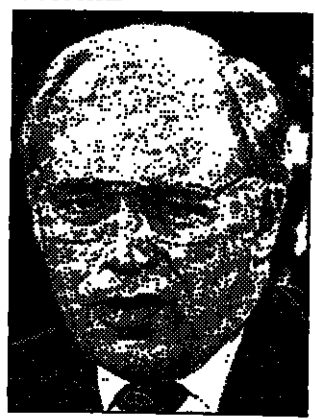
CONTROVERSY over United States policy in the Middle East grew yesterday when it was announced that Washington would sell attack helicopters to the United Arab Emirates, the second such deal since President Bush's plea last week to curb the region's arms race.

The announcement was made by Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary. He had earlier infuriated the Egyptians by declaring, only 24 hours after the president's pledge, that the US was stockpiling arms in Israel, would foot most of the bill for an Israeli anti-missile missile and was sending ten F-15 fighters to the Jewish state.

Speaking on his flight home, Mr Cheney denied that such transfers were in conflict with the Bush plan, which Arab commentators had predicted would flounder over the question of Israel's unadmitted nuclear arsenal. "With that Apache helicopter sale to the United Arab Emirates ... it is now inconsistent to say, on the one hand, we are interested in arms control and, on the other hand, we want to make certain our friends can defend themselves," Mr Cheney said. Another US official said that Washington plans to sell 20 Apache helicopters to the Emirates and six to Bahrain. Such deals would need the approval of Congress, which is now debating demands to freeze arms sales to the Middle East.

Senior Arab diplomats said that even if the sales to Gulf states did go ahead, they would not be sufficient to cool anger over what is widely seen in the Arab world as Washington's latest reward to Israel for its intransigence over efforts to revive the Middle East peace process. The semi-official Egyptian press has, with government guidance, mounted its most hostile campaign for many years against America's Middle East policy, ridiculing Washington's claim to be serious about peace in the region.

"Israel has officially become an American base in the Middle East in the wake of the latest agreement on storing American equipment and weapons on its territories," said the leading Cairo paper *al-Ahram*. "The agreement was accompanied by a spate of statements asserting the depth of the everlasting Washington-Tel Aviv ties ... accordingly, the Arab man in the street is depressed and his depression is doubled."



Cheney: Denial of conflict with Bush arms plan

Corpse-littered mountain casts its shadow on Kurds

From ADAM KELLIHER IN CHOMAN, NORTHEAST IRAQ

MORE than 500 corpses of Iranian and Iraqi soldiers still lie on the grassy slopes of Gerdemand mountain, untouched and unaware that their resting place is forever linked to the continuing Kurdish tragedy.

Once this vast cathedral of rock near the Iranian frontier controlled a strategic position over the gorges that link the Iraqi lowlands to Iran. About 100,000 men fell during five years of seesaw battles, which culminated in Iran holding the mountain.

Nobody will collect the bodies because the battlefield is strewn with mines, which still claim limbs on an almost daily basis in the spectacular mountain ranges. But from a distance skeletons can still be seen, some face up, others face down, dressed in fatigues and webbing.

When Tehran's forces first conquered Gerdemand's heights in 1983, President Saddam Hussein blamed the defeat on rear-line sabotage by followers of Masoud Barzani, the guerrilla chieftain now in Baghdad trying to negotiate a future for the Kurds. On July 31 1983 hundreds of Republican Guards encircled Qoshtafa, a camp south of Kirkuk in which thousands of Mr Barzani's clan had been forcibly resettled after their villages in Kurdistan had been destroyed during a crackdown by Baghdad in 1975.

The operation began at 6pm and ended the next day at noon, by which time the soldiers had gone from house to house and captured all men over 12 years of age, a total of about 8,000. They were put into a fleet of buses and driven away, the soldiers beating back and shooting a pleading woman.

The Kurds were taken to Baghdad to be paraded through the streets as traitors and collaborators. They were joined by other clansmen rounded up elsewhere in Iraq, the group containing 56 of Barzani's close relatives, including three of his brothers. Saddam said on television that the 8,000 men would "go to hell"; since then they have not been seen. The authorities in Baghdad merely say they were all treated as prisoners of war and enquiries by neutral agencies have yielded no explanation.

The hopeful hold that they were sent abroad to work, but most believe the men were executed. The most recent unverifiable account is that they were taken near the town of Ramadi, deep in the Baathist heartland and buried alive in large trenches.

When Mr Barzani sits across the bargaining table from Saddam he is operating with the knowledge that this is the man who has persecuted his clan with a maniacal intensity. Qoshtafa hangs like a shadow over the Iraqi Kurds in general and the Barzanis in particular, in many ways having greater emotional weight than the 1987 chemical weapons attack on the Kurdish village of Halabja.

Primarily it is remembered as an example of what villainy the Kurds may suffer when the world chooses to look the other way.

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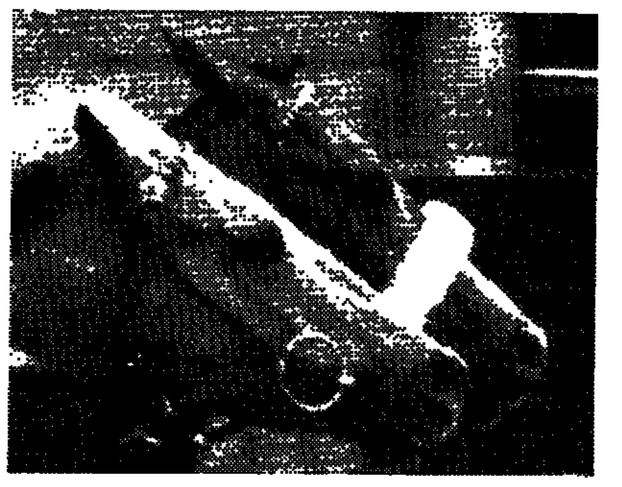

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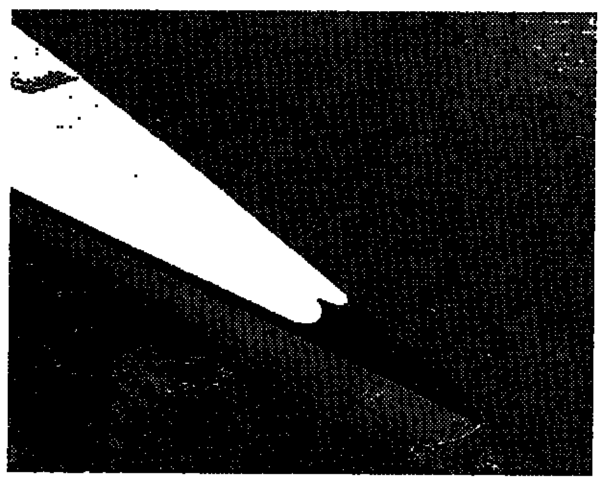

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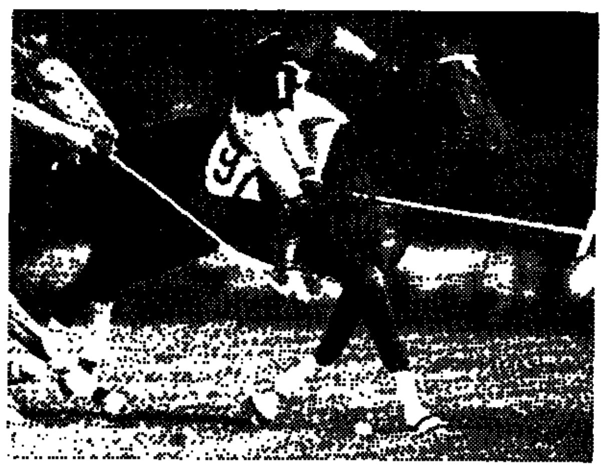

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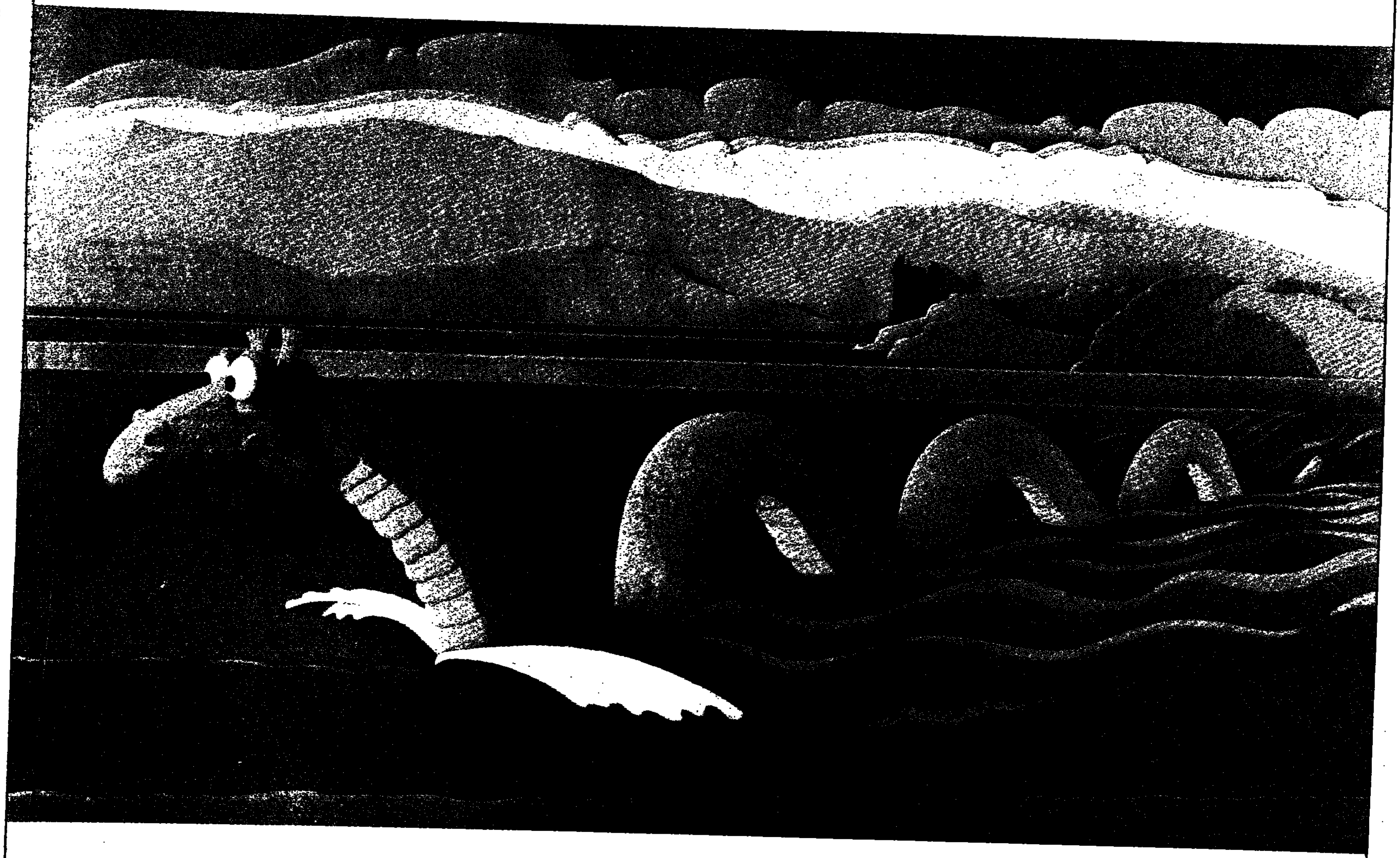

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Eritrea seeks an amicable divorce from Addis Ababa

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

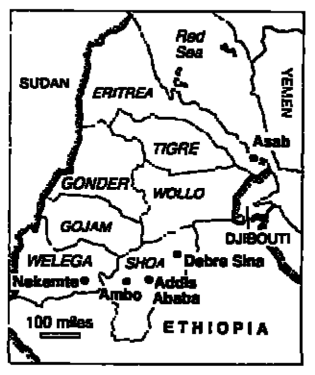
ISSIAS Afwerki, who negotiated in London last week on behalf of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, has told *The Times* that Eritrea will not join the fragile coalition now attempting to impose its authority in Addis Ababa.

In an interview before his return to a country that is rapidly disintegrating into anarchy and tribal unrest, he said Eritrea would set up its own government, independent of Addis Ababa.

After fighting for its independence for more than 30 years, Eritrea would now prepare to negotiate an amicable divorce from Ethiopia. His provisional government will do what it can to help their former comrades-in-arms, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, bring stability to the ravaged country. But the Eritreans themselves want no part in its governance.

"We want to see stability prevail in Ethiopia. We don't want to see the economy damaged — we would be affected by negative developments. If we can help the Ethiopians to relieve some of the burdens, we will," he said.

Eritrea, however, would concentrate only on the independence referendum, which the London peace conference agreed to hold within nine months. Mr Afwerki would not predict the result: the importance was the democratic right of the Eritreans to decide their own future, something denied them since the end of the Italian colonial administration.



He made it clear, however, that war would start again if the EPRDF government did not honour the expected vote for independence. "But I don't think this is a possibility," he said. The government of Meles Zenawi, he insisted, would honour its agreement.

He played down the likelihood that ethnic tensions or ideological differences may sabotage the London agreements. Ideology, he said, played almost no role in determining attitudes now. The Eritrean guerrillas may have been influenced by marxist ideas; "if you were not a leftist at university in the 1960s, you were ostracised." But peasants and farmers had had enough of such ideas.

Mr Afwerki, an articulate and soft-spoken Christian who has travelled extensively in Europe, America and Asia for the Eritrean cause, illustrated how far thinking has moved from the stereotyped marxism of traditional insurgents. He had only warm words for the Americans and their intervention. There was no ulterior motive, he insisted, beyond Washington's need to encourage stability in Africa as part of an attempt to improve the world economy.

America could still play a key role in bringing democracy to Ethiopia, he believed. Its leverage was moral rather than political. But the American influence — the target of angry demonstrations in Addis Ababa — "would definitely have a constructive effect". He was also sympathetic to the efforts by the former colonial masters, the Italians, British and French, to broker peace in the Horn of Africa.

He had little time for more "revolutionary" regimes that professed support for the Eritreans, especially radical Arab states. The interference of the Libyans, Syrians and Iraqis had been motivated mainly by a wish to destabilise the Addis Ababa government, a recipient of Israeli aid.

Mr Afwerki, who joined the guerrilla movement in 1966, was adamant that the Eritrean liberation front had overwhelming support and could guarantee democracy. Eritrea was ready to negotiate transit routes, economic links, port access and probably eventual political integration with Ethiopia — but only after asserting its right to independence.

Deadly display: the night sky over the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa is lit up when an ammunition dump explodes, killing scores and leaving 1,200 homeless. It was the third ammmition blast in the past week. Addis blast, page 1

China kidney transplants come under scrutiny

From JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

WHEN former Hong Kong banker Deacon Chiu donated HK$1 million (£74,000) to a Chinese hospital in gratitude for an emergency kidney transplant using an organ from an executed prisoner, he was paying over the odds for his treatment.

Hospitals in China are offering kidney transplants for as little as a tenth of that sum and at least 50 Hong Kong people are believed to have crossed to the mainland for similar operations rather than spend years on dialysis on a waiting list in Hong Kong. Hospitals in the British colony, facing a shortage of kidney donors, perform just 55 transplants a year while the waiting list has 600 names on it.

Hong Kong's kidney shortage is linked to a traditional belief that peace cannot be achieved after death if the body is dismembered. Some doctors have been ready to refer patients to hospitals in China rather than see them wait and suffer.

However, a letter circulated to the colony's doctors earlier this year urging them to refer patients to a Nanking hospital for kidney transplants at an all-inclusive package deal costing HK$100,000 prompted the Hong Kong Medical Association to re-examine its stand. It condemned kidney transplants in China as dangerous and questioned the ethics of removing kidneys from executed prisoners. There have been cases of patients infected with hepatitis after transplants in China.

The letter sent by Hong Kong businessman, Tsui Fung, said the hospital only used voluntary donors. It caused alarm among doctors because of the fear that organs would become a commodity.

Many doctors had begun to have second thoughts a year ago after a public outcry over reports that some of the kidneys might have been removed from executed political dissidents in the wake of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations. For them the issue was not the ethical propriety of using organs from prisoners who may or may not have consented, but the death penalty itself. In China the death penalty is used for a wide range of crimes.

Although it could do little to prevent people travelling to China for an operation, the medical association was concerned to prevent a local trade in organs and in January adopted guidelines on organ trading, warning that any doctor involved in the practice could be struck off or prevented from practising.

Hong Kong government doctors, in a much criticised move, have tried their own method of discouraging patients from crossing the border. Their central renal committee decided to withhold the free supply of the anti-rejection drug Cyclosporine A to patients who had received a new kidney in China and were suffering from post-operative complications.

Arguing that a patient who could afford the operation could also afford the drug, it decided such people should not be a burden on the local health service.

Cambodia clash as talks falter

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PHNOM Penh government forces have launched an offensive against the Khmer Rouge-controlled town of Pailin, in spite of a month-long ceasefire and current peace talks in Jakarta.

Thai gem miners fleeing from their workings in Chantaburi province near Pailin said that Thai army officers ordered them to move all their heavy equipment out of Cambodian mining areas.

The four warring Cambodian factions have accused each other of violating the ceasefire that went into effect on May 1, but independent sources have said the halt in fighting had been largely honoured. The ceasefire was aimed a creating amity ahead of the present Jakarta talks on a United Nations peace plan that was designed to end 12 years of fighting between the Vietnam-installed government and the Khmer Rouge-dominated three-party guerrilla coalition.

The Khmer Rouge, under whose rule between 1975 and 1978 one million people were killed, threatened to resume fighting on June 5 if Phnom Penh failed to accept the UN peace plan during the Jakarta talks. Phnom Penh says its wants protection against genocide written into the plan.

However, the Khmer Rouge was deserted yesterday at the talks in Jakarta by its partners and accused of holding up agreement on the United Nations peace plan to end fighting.

Three other Cambodian groups agreed to a proposal by Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister over the leadership of the Supreme National Council, the body created by the UN plan to represent Cambodia until elections can be held. Under the proposal, Prince Sihanouk, the leader of one of the four factions, would be chairman of the council, and Hun Sen his vice-chairman. But Khieu Samphan, leader of the Khmer Rouge, rejected the leadership proposal and refused to say whether his forces would continue to observe the truce.

Thailand sends back Burmese

Bangkok — Thai security forces have arrested more than 200 Burmese in dawn raids on their living quarters in the border town of Mae Sot and forced half of them back into Burma (Neil Kelly writes).

The Thai authorities said that no one whose life might be at risk in Burma was sent back. But some of the 200 deported last month were punished on their return and forced to do hard labour in road construction gangs.

The latest Thai action has been criticised because of fears that anyone forcibly repatriated will be dealt with severely by Burma's increasingly oppressive military rulers. Thais suspect that their military-dominated government is enforcing repatriation at the request of the military regime in Rangoon.

Volcano toll

Shimabara, Japan — Officials fear the death toll from the Mount Unzen volcanic eruption on Kyushu island, southern Japan, might rise. Troops have retrieved four charred bodies of 32 confirmed dead. Journalists, scientists, farmers, taxi-drivers and emergency service workers are still missing. *(Reuter)*

Seoul backlash

Seoul — South Korean students, who have mounted five weeks of often violent protests, face a government crackdown following public outrage at the recent attack on Chung Won Shik, the prime minister-elect, who was kicked and punched and pelted with eggs and flour at Hankook University. *(Reuter)*

African goal

Lagos — Delegates from the 51 members of the Organisation of African Unity, including 32 heads of state, meeting in Abuja established the African Economic Community in an effort to make black Africa self-sufficient and signalling a departure from the anti-colonial policies of the past.

Bra's band

Tokyo — A Japanese lingerie firm seeking a way to mark Mozart's bicentenary year has made a musical bra, with a memory chip in the clasp and a tiny speaker under the armpit. It plays about 20 seconds of a Mozart variation when hooked up, and is studded with tiny flashing lights. *(Reuter)*

Death of Mao's widow 'suicide'

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

JIANG Qing, Chairman Mao's widow and the woman who masterminded some of the greatest abuses of the Cultural Revolution, committed suicide in Peking, it was stated here yesterday.

Jiang Qing, leader of the so-called "Gang of Four", was widely hated for the suffering she caused to thousands of people between 1966 and 1976, and the authorities are believed to fear that her death might provoke disruptive displays of emotion.

The death of the former Communist party leader, Hu Yaobang, sparked student demonstrations two years ago, and the death of the former prime minister, Chou En-lai, led to demonstrations in 1976. In the case of Jiang Qing's death, people are more likely to express joy than grief, but the authorities realise that mass celebrations could develop into political protests. Just as she was despised for suppressing peaceful demonstrations in 1976, so Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, is hated for sending the army to crush student-led protests in 1989.

It is thought that the authorities had hoped to delay announcing the news of her death, which occurred on May 14, until after the sensitive anniversary of the Tiananmen Square killings, but that rumours forced them to act.

Jiang Qing was sentenced to death in 1981 for her part in the Cultural Revolution. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 1983. It was later rumoured that she was living in a luxury villa. Xinhua confirmed last night that Jiang Qing had been released from prison in 1984 and allowed to live under house arrest so that she could receive medical treatment.

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Peking's paper trail of protest

By CATHERINE SAMPSON

A FEW scraps of white paper cut roughly in the shape of a coin and blowing along a suburban street represented one of the few reminders that yesterday was the second anniversary of the mass killings in Tiananmen Square.

The paper money, a traditional sign of mourning, appeared to have been cut and scattered by an anonymous citizen to remind passers-by of those who died when the army opened fire on peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators on June 4 1989. In almost any other country, people would not have spared a thought for the scraps of paper, even had they known they represented a political comment.

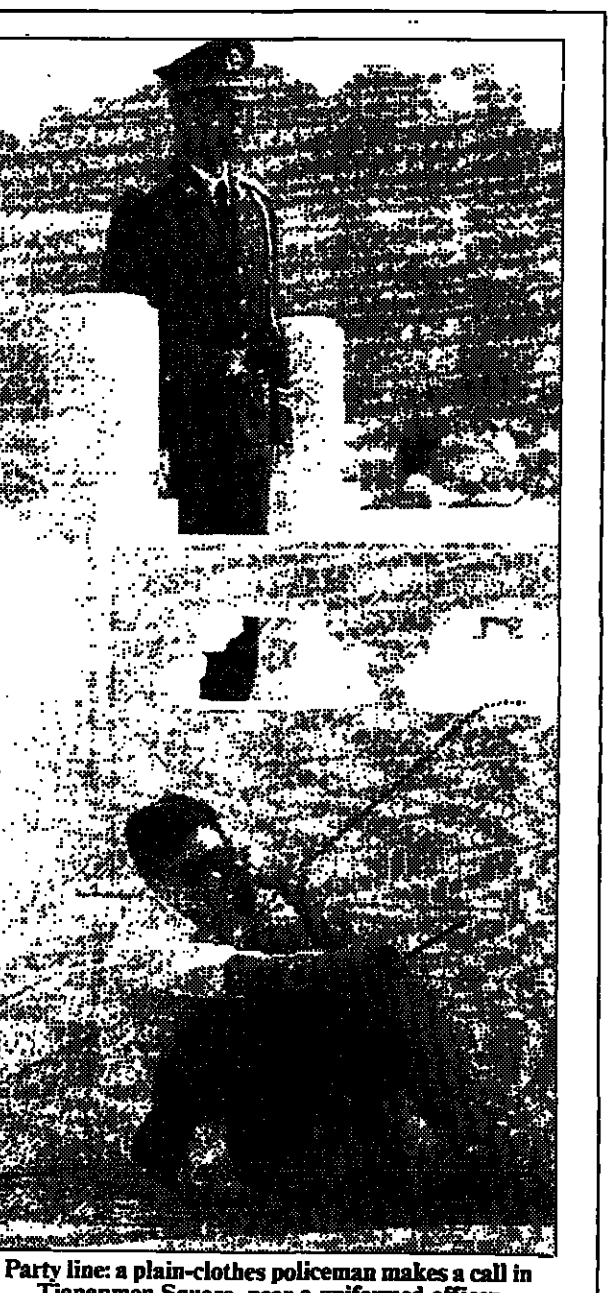
In China, it is a reflection of the level of political repression which has descended in the past two years that even such tiny examples of dissent are almost unheard of. The person who littered the street with tiny blank pieces of paper, if traced by the security forces, could be accused of counter-revolutionary incitement.

Although June 4 is a date etched on the mind of every Peking resident, an outsider might have been forgiven for thinking that yesterday was a normal day. Even those with memories of dead and wounded family and friends went about their work as usual, knowing that any protest could lead to more killings.

The authorities, confident that they had dissent well under control, maintained a low-profile security presence. Early yesterday students at Peking university, intimidated by the authorities, made only a half-hearted protest to commemorate the Tiananmen killings. Yet even that was daring in the context of the authorities' paranoia. A few dozen students shouted at the police, and a few broke bottles in a gesture which has come to symbolise smashing the power of the senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, whose name in Chinese sounds like "little bottle".

The first anniversary of the killings had seen a far more spirited protest at Peking university and quieter protests in other parts of the city. Tiananmen Square, sealed off on last year's anniversary, was this year open to the public in the morning.

The monument at the centre of the square, which became the student headquarters in 1989, was cordoned off and children bearing patriotic flags stood guard. Only in the afternoon was the square sealed off, and then only to serve as a car park.



Party line: a plain-clothes policeman makes a call in Tiananmen Square, near a uniformed officer

Students see no change in China

The rebellious 'monkeys', who escaped the wrath of the Peking regime after the Tiananmen protest, are finding life in the West hard, **David Watts** writes

WUER Kaixi — Peking's public enemy number two — stares balefully into the television camera as he denounces the government's destruction of the student movement that he led two years ago on Tiananmen Square.

Mr Wuer's mood exemplifies the atmosphere in the Chinese diaspora. A year after China began to "kill the chickens to frighten the monkeys", the monkeys, who were lucky enough to escape, are undergoing the worst period of their exile. Nothing seems to have changed in China, indeed repression grows worse while Chinese intellectuals are finding it harder to exist away from home as money runs out, jobs are hard to find and foreign interest inevitably slackens. Yet, spread across the world from Los Angeles to Paris, the chubby, bespectacled Mr Wuer and his friends are lucky.

The world held its breath two years ago when Mr Wuer bearded the Chinese leader, Li Peng, in his den and demanded reform at the height of the tension before the troops moved in to crush the protesters. Now Mr Wuer studies English on the California coast while the pert, but moody, commander of the student movement, Chai Ling, is writing the book of her experiences.

They all escaped not only to tell the tale but to taunt and chivvy the Chinese government to reform — men such as Li Lu, the bright, relentlessly cheerful provincial activist, who travelled to Peking to play a key role as organiser of the protests and spokesman to the world. The dissidents, Mr Li told *The Times* yesterday before testifying to Congress on new trade concessions to China, are on the verge, while they wait for the old men of Peking to die, of agreeing a new strategy towards the government. "We dare not cease our struggle." They are working to form a coalition of interest with the peoples of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and Tibet.

Mr Wuer escaped through the daring and courage of an extraordinary organisation operating through Hong Kong, which funneled dissidents either overland by rail to the British colony or by powerboat, before shuttling them on to America or to Paris, the other main centre for escapers.

The "chickens" were not so lucky. The Chinese Communist party has been at its most brutal with those who had walk-on parts in the great drama, like Wang Kweiymin, a well-nigh anonymous labourer, who was bundled off at dawn, bound like a rabid dog a year after the turmoil, and shot in the back of the neck for his alleged involvement. In fact the majority of executions have been of workers and peasants.

Intellectuals have not faced the ultimate penalty, through a mixture of traditional respect for learning, their proximity to the centre of power and, perhaps, a nagging fear in rulers' minds about the ultimate judgment of history.

But the "black hands", as the government has dubbed those leaders it managed to snatch, will pay a price; Ren Wanding, an accountant, and Wang Dan, the student often seen with a megaphone at his lips, were convicted of counter-revolutionary propaganda and agitation, and will serve seven and four years in jail respectively. Chen Ziming, aged 37, and Wang Junto, aged 31, who had long championed the causes of economic reform and greater political freedom, were sentenced to 13 years' jail in February, the heaviest custodial sentences passed as the government's public judicial revenge reached its peak. For many of those jailed there will be long periods in solitary confinement; in the past, such deprivation has resulted in mental breakdown reducing some detainees to a vegetable-like existence.

Chai: writing a book of her protest experiences

Wuer: studying English on the California coast

Chinese abroad urge reform

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 60 Chinese intellectuals abroad have petitioned the Peking government, cautioning that failure to democratise the country could lead to "bloodshed, violence and civil war".

Two years after the crushing of the democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, their petition calls for an era of dialogue, contending that "the apparent stability of China is illusory, as it has been secured by only the political high-handedness of the Chinese Communist party". The document goes on: "China today is in a highly precarious position.

"If the CCP turns a deaf ear to the political opposition and continues to disregard social conflicts and the irreversible trend towards political democratisation, a political confrontation — a confrontation that the Chinese people do not desire — will erupt."

The petition continued: "A stable political environment is important to the 1.2 billion mainland Chinese, the 20 million Taiwanese and the 5 million residents of Hong Kong. The real basis for political stability can only lie in the democratisation of the Chinese political system."

In London, Amnesty International reported that the authorities are continuing their suppression of dissidents with some of the harshest sentences in recent years. With at least a thousand people already jailed for offences connected with the 1989 events, activists out of the Peking spotlight are being jailed for 10 to 20 years for making dissident speeches.

In one example, a prisoner of conscience, Chen Lantao, was sentenced to 18 years in jail in Shandong province for joining the protests. Thousands are probably being held for periods of months or up to a year before their cases are brought to court, Amnesty says. When they get to court the standards of justice are far from the internationally accepted norms: defendants cannot choose their lawyers, they are not given sufficient time to prepare their defence, and the verdict is often decided beforehand. Chances of a fair trial have become more remote over the past two years.

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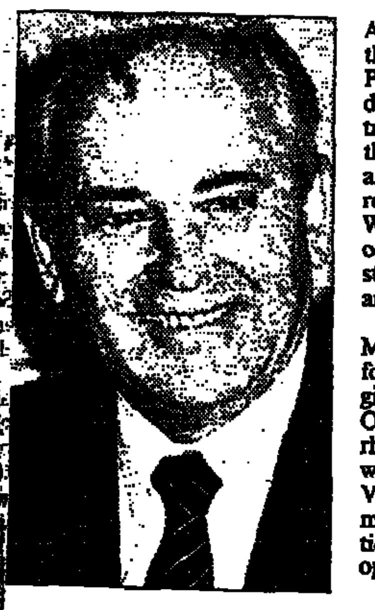
Hardliners' hands suspected of stirring the Vilnius cauldron



Gorbachev: joined reformists after much hesitation

AS PRESIDENT Gorbachev put the finishing touches to the Nobel Peace Prize lecture he is due to deliver in Oslo today, Soviet troops came out on the streets of the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, in an exercise officially described as a round-up of conscription dodgers. Whatever its purpose, the manoeuvre was reminiscent of the start of army repression in January when 13 civilians died.

Contemplating the two events, Mr Gorbachev's domestic and foreign audiences could be forgiven for feeling confused. In Oslo, he is expected to combine rhetoric about "one worldism" with a request for Western money. Vilnius conveyed the opposite message: stubborn Soviet isolationism and contempt for Western opinion.

In the lobbies of the Soviet parliament yesterday, opinions were divided about the possible connection between the troops in Vilnius and Mr Gorbachev's departure for Oslo. Those of a conservative disposition saw no connection, arguing that the call-up season had come round again and that the Lithuanian authorities were encouraging their young men not to register.

Mary Dejevsky in Moscow explores possible links between the show of strength in the Lithuanian capital and President Gorbachev's Nobel prize award

Deputies of a liberal persuasion and the few remaining representatives of the Baltic republics, however, saw a direct connection. "Of course," said Nikolai Medvedev from Lithuania, "these events are connected, and not only these. What happened in Vilnius last night has to be seen in a far wider context: the talks about Western aid, the agreement between the nine republics and the centre. There are forces which have nothing to gain by these developments." Mr Medvedev included in his assessment the Soviet procurator's preliminary findings on the January killings in Vilnius which exonerated the army.

The highly plausible theory favoured by Moscow's democrats is that Vilnius and the whitewashing of previous army repression are a desperate attempt by conservatives to thwart Mr Gorbachev's reforms. After much hesitation, the Soviet leader has thrown in his lot with reformists and conservatives are fighting back.

A spokesman for Mr Gorbachev's office gave a similar explanation, describing the events in Vilnius as an "out-and-out conservative provocation". The theory runs like this: Mr Gorbachev is on the verge of attracting Western help pegged to internal political and economic reform, so limiting the power of traditional Soviet institutions. Having lost the epic struggle over free emigration, the conservatives are now having to watch bills on privatisation, foreign investment and dismantling monopolies being railroaded through parliament.

Yesterday they learnt from the newspapers that Mr Gorbachev had underwritten a move to drop the word "socialist" from the Soviet Union's full title. And the more regularly he and the nine republic leaders meet in the country house at Novo-Ogarevo for talks, the more they suspect that the Union is being dissolved behind their backs. Realising how sensitive the West is to events in the Baltic republics and how effectively the killings in January had tarnished Mr Gorbachev's reputation, the conservatives decided to try to play the Lithuanian card again on the eve of the Soviet president's Oslo lecture. Mr Gorbachev was awarded his Nobel prize, after all, for what the conservatives regard as the "betrayal" of communist eastern Europe.

Some radicals, however, contend that the procurator's report on the January killings and Monday night's show of strength result from a trade-off between Mr Gorbachev and the army high command. According to this theory, the Soviet leader bought the arms control concessions he needed for a superpower summit and Western aid in return for some public polishing of the army's image. He might have hoped that, in the new climate of East-West understanding, the military exercise in Vilnius would be dismissed abroad.

There remain two fringe theories, neither of them necessarily incompatible with the other two. The first is that the troops in Lithuania and the procurators' reports show only that sections of the Soviet military and judicial establishment are out of the president's control. The second is that the same troops and the same reports are intended as a warning to the West of what could happen if Mr Gorbachev does not obtain the help and understanding he seeks.

● **Georgia demand:** President Gorbachev and leaders of most Soviet republics have given a warning to Georgia to stop what they called "mass expulsions" of minority Ossetians, hinting that security forces may be used to protect Ossetians. *(Reuter)*

Kremlin gives details of aid it needs from West

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

FIRST details of the aid package that Moscow is hoping to negotiate with the West emerged in the Soviet parliament yesterday, when Vladimir Shcherbakov, the first deputy prime minister, said that without it the country's progress to a market economy would be very slow and painful.

Mr Shcherbakov, who spent last week talking to officials in Washington, said that no sums of money had been mentioned but that Moscow was looking for help in four specific areas: 1, grants for one or two years to buy food and consumer goods to satisfy the Soviet market and ease the transition to free prices; 2, support from Western governments, the Group of Seven and Western financial institutions for massive investment in the Soviet Union; 3, a series of credits for specific purchases, in particular grain to bridge the gap between this and next year's harvest; and 4, membership of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on acceptable terms.

In addition, the Soviet Union was looking for help in establishing a substantial hard currency reserve that would speed the transition to the internal convertibility of the rouble. The goal of internal convertibility was advanced from 1994 to 1992 in the Soviet government's "anti-crisis programme" which was approved by parliament last month, but Mr Shcherbakov said that this would not be feasible without outside help.

Mr Shcherbakov said that Moscow did not want big credits; it wanted foreign capital to be invested in specific projects to revive obsolete and poorly-tooled Soviet industries. He emphasised that the investment would not be channelled through governments, either at the centre or in the republics, but should go directly to the recipients.

He said that the money to buy goods had to be given in the form of grants because the Soviet Union would have no hope of repaying such large sums. He said that there was support for the principle of Soviet membership of the IMF, "but not in the form we want and not on the terms we want". He did not specify.

Mr Shcherbakov, with President Gorbachev's adviser, Yevgeni Primakov, spent last week in Washington discussing the prospects for Western help with officials, business representatives and heads of international financial institutions. Most of their meetings were also attended by Grigori Yavlinsky, the radical economist currently drafting a Soviet reform programme in collaboration with a group of economists at Harvard university.

Yesterday, however, Mr Shcherbakov was concerned to distance the Soviet leadership from Mr Yavlinsky's plan, saying that his mandate extended no further than the parameters set in the Soviet government's anti-crisis programme. "If he exceeds his mandate, his work will not be acceptable to us," Mr Shcherbakov said.

Mr Shcherbakov spoke about his talks in Washington after wholeheartedly commending to parliament a pioneering bill that would privatise much state-owned property and industry in the Soviet Union. Privatisation, the deputy prime minister said, if properly conducted, "will allow everything else to fall into place, not just economically, but in politics and in social policy".

Both the privatisation bill and the quest for Western aid are objects of considerable suspicion among conservative deputies and Mr Shcherbakov received a rough ride.

Responding to his report, the chairman of the parliamentary finance and budget committee, Viktor Kucherenko, reflected a widespread opinion when he objected that the government was looking abroad for help "rather than to our own strengths".

Complaining of the secrecy he claimed had surrounded the Soviet approach to the Group of Seven, he said: "We are not indifferent to the fate of our country and of our generation. We may depart, but our successors will be left with the debt. No one will give us even a kopeck for nothing."

● **London meeting:** President Gorbachev is expected to be invited to London by John Major next month to meet the leaders of the Group of Seven, either before or at the end of their formal summit (Richard Ford writes).

But he will not participate in the summit itself.

Albanian strikers' victory

London — The Albanian government collapsed yesterday after only two months, brought down by a 20-day general strike by half the country's 700,000 strong workforce (Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, writes).

It was the shortest-lived government popularly elected in Eastern Europe, and achieved little beyond the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Britain.

Strike leaders said that they would call off their strike as soon as Fatos Nano, the communist prime minister, announced that his government was resigning. He told parliament in a late-night session on Monday that he would make way for a non-political government of national salvation to prepare for new elections.

Summit sign

Washington — The Bush administration is checking hotel availability in Moscow, the surest sign yet that there will be a superpower summit in the early summer.

Moscow posting

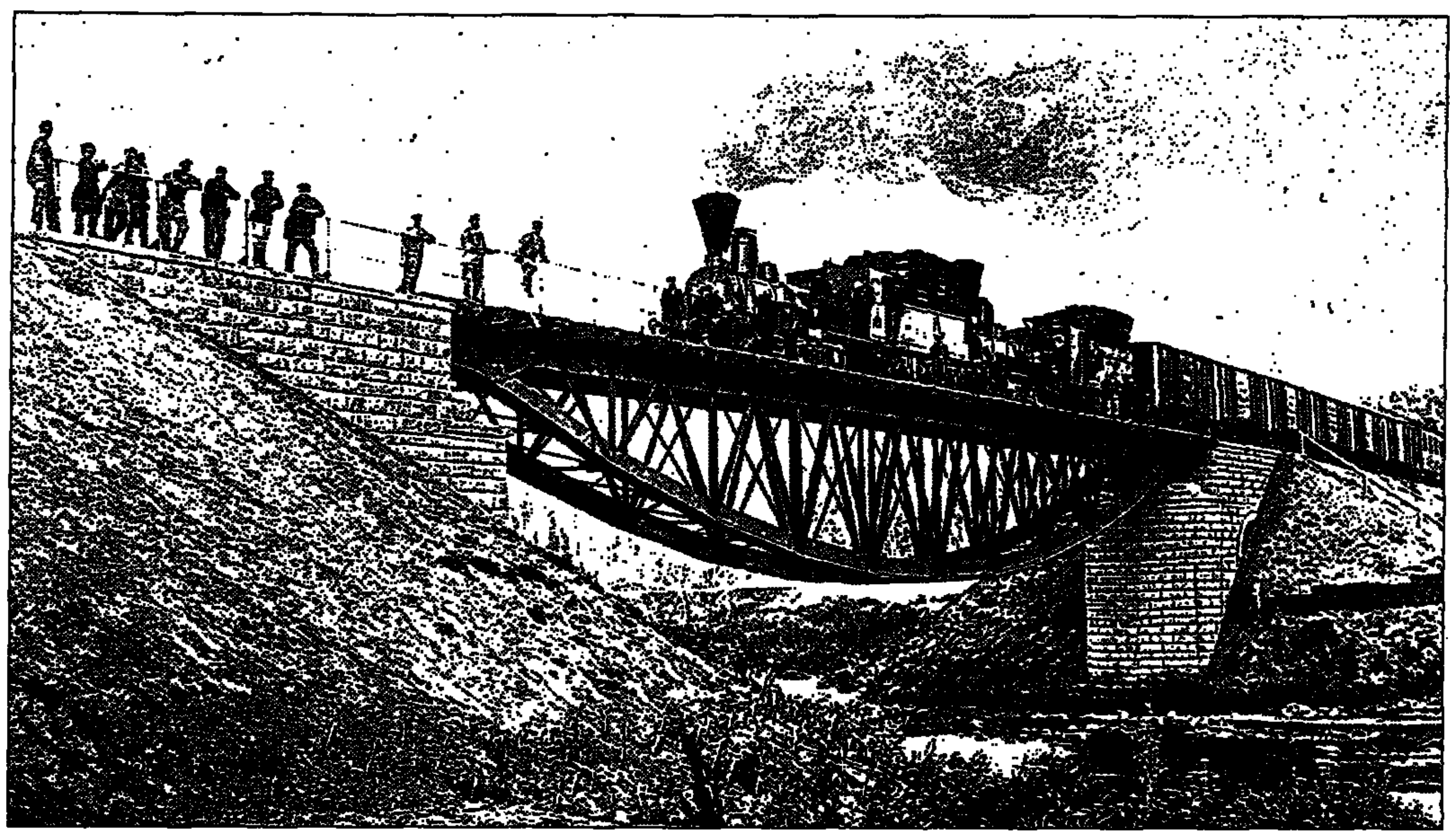
Washington — President Bush has unexpectedly nominated Robert Strauss, aged 72, a Texan who was a former Democratic party chairman, as the new American ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Papal onslaught

Rome — The Pope criticised abortion and compared it to a genocide in an address to pilgrims here in central Poland. The church is seeking to outlaw abortion, which was freely available under the communist regime. *(AFP)*

Old comfort

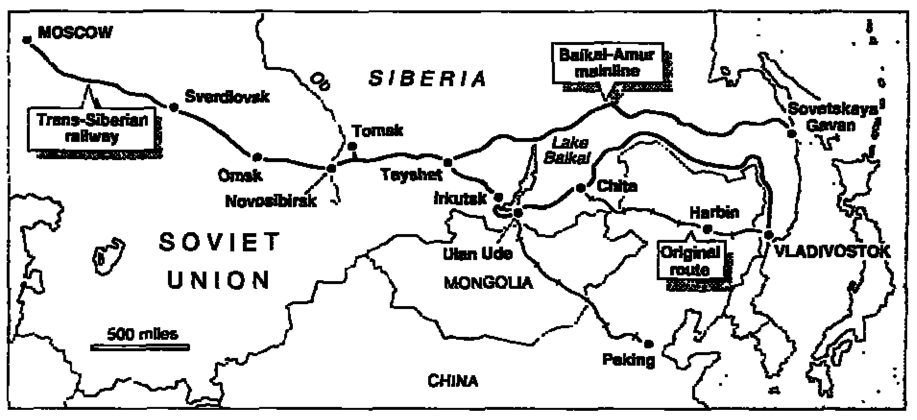
Lausanne — A middle aged woman was caught shoplifting after she stuffed a frozen chicken into her bra in a Swiss supermarket and fainted from the cold, it was reported here. A nurse called by the supermarket unhooked the woman's bra to allow her to breathe better. *(AFP)*



Crossing in style: a 1911 journey on the Trans-Siberian railway, which linked Moscow and Vladivostok, 6,000 miles east on the Pacific coast

Bread and caviar route across Siberia

Soviet citizens are being reminded this week of the beginning, a century ago, of the building of the Trans-Siberian railway, Michael Binyon reports



ONE hundred years ago in Vladivostok, 6,000 miles from Moscow, the first rails were laid of the world's longest, most strategic and to many travellers most romantic railway line in the world. The Soviet press is celebrating this week the anniversary of the Trans-Siberian railway, linking Europe directly with the Far East. It was a mighty feat of Russian engineering through virgin steppe and tundra, opening up the riches of a frozen world almost 400 years after Columbus opened up a new world in America. It took 25 years to complete and cost an estimated $200 million (£118 million).

The Trans-Siberian strengthened the tsar's hold on his far-flung empire in its dying days. It also played a crucial part in his downfall: virtually all the fighting during the Russian revolution and civil war took place along the line, with the hapless Czech Legion, stranded on the line by the first world war, being shuttled backwards and forwards as the marauding Red and White armies laid waste to the settlements around the stations.

On May 24, 1891, the future Nicholas II, landed at Vladivostok to inaugurate the first stretch from the port to Grafsky. His father, Tsar Alexander III, issued a proclamation to mark what *The Times* correspondent in St Petersburg noted was an unusually important occasion. "May your participation in this truly national enterprise undertaken by me serve as a fresh proof of my efforts to facilitate intercourse between Siberia and the rest of the Empire, and thus make manifest in that region so near to my heart my liveliest interest in its peaceful progress."

Construction began at both ends of the line. It was slow going in the tundra: permafrost meant that the line had to be floated on a bed of sand and rocks and foundations had to go down almost 50 ft. By 1898 the builders had reached halfway on the single-line route. The first passenger service began a year later from Moscow to Tomsk, about 120 miles east of Novosibirsk, the future capital of Siberia that sprang up within months around the bridge over the mighty Ob.

Rugged mountains blocked the route in the east, so the line ran south of Lake Baikal. By agreement with the Chinese it then swerved down at Chita through Manchuria, reaching Vladivostok via Harbin. Even the longer, Russian route, was too close to the Chinese frontier for Moscow's comfort during the confrontations of the 1960s; so in 1974 the government revived the dream of a northern route — the 2,000 mile Baikal-Amur mainline, completed at immense cost only in 1986.

By 1901 the line had reached the lake, and trains went across by ferry. But frequent bad weather and the strain of the shipment of arms and toops to the Far East during the 1904 Russo-Japanese war prompted the government to try a faster route: in winter, rails were laid straight on to the ice. Unfortunately nobody knew about Lake Baikal's warm currents and the first train which tried to cross broke the ice with a mighty crack and disappeared.

Coaches were provided by the international company, Wagons-Lits, and for first-class travellers provided a luxury that contrasted with the hovels outside, where temperatures fell to -50 degrees in winter. A staff of 17, including a hairdresser and qualified nurse, pampered the imperial nobility, civil servants and officers, Europeans travelling to China and Japan, businessmen and diplomats.

The dining car, with silver cutlery and brass fittings, was open from 7.00 am to 11.00 pm, and the bathrooms were complete with hot and cold running water. Sleepers had velvet curtains and the finest bed linen. Stained and cut glass abounded.

The trains ran slowly, as they still do, pulled by huge steam engines on lines with an original gauge of 5 ft (later reduced to 4 ft 11 in). In 1914 it took eight-and-a-half days from Moscow, and the first-class fare from London to Vladivostok — valid for two years — was £37. Travellers had to be intrepid.

The 1914 *Baedeker* guide notes laconically: "It is desirable to carry a revolver in Manchuria and in trips away from the railway. Hotels are inevitably dear and indifferent.

"A disturbing feature is the inevitable concert or 'sing-song' in the dining room which usually lasts far into the night. The traveller must be on his guard against thieves. When he quits his compartment, he should have the door locked."

Even today's travellers must beware: the food gets worse each day as supplies are pilfered or sold or simply disappear. By the end of the line, travellers often have nothing but bread or caviar to eat.

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Berlin funded neo-nazi press

From ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

EAST Germany's first communist leaders secretly funded nazi newspapers in West Germany to try to undermine the new democracy, communist party archives have revealed.

They show that the country, which prided itself on being an "anti-fascist state", provided millions of marks to fascist newspapers run by former nazis in order to damage the federal republic's standing and lessen its chances of being accepted into the Western alliance. From 1951, Erich Honecker, then leader of the Free German Youth, and Walter Ulbricht, the then party chief, were involved in the transfer of millions of marks to the newspapers *Die Nation, Deutsche Nationalzeitung* and *Deutscher Beobachter*, formerly the organ of the Hitler Youth. *Die Nation* even took its editorial orders from Albert Nordern, the East German chief of press, in return for funds sent each week via a courier using a safe-house in East Berlin.

The high sales of nazi newspapers were cited by East German propagandists as proof that West Germany had never shaken off the Third Reich. A secret strategy paper developed by the leadership reads: "It is necessary to organise a unified front against the Western alliance with former members of the NSDAP (the Nazi party)." The operation was overseen by Hans Walden, a communist central committee member who had previously been in a concentration camp.

The revelation has shocked east Germans, who are struggling against a fresh wave of neo-nazi activity. Dresden did not offer just its most salubrious face to the European Community foreign ministers there last weekend for their first summit in the east.

In the latest in a series of extreme-right conflicts in the area, a neo-nazi ringleader was shot dead in the Mickten district of the city on Sunday morning. The body of Rainer Sonntag was left on the street covered with a nazi flag, in accordance with the fascist traditions of the street battles of the 1920s.

The cities of Dresden, Cottbus, Gorlitz and Frankfurt an der Oder, all near the Polish border, have become centres of violent extremist activity since the fall of the communist regime brought young neo-nazis out of the underground and on to the streets.

Tobacco ban falls at EC hurdle

From TOM WALKER IN LUXEMBOURG

BRITAIN and other EC nations yesterday objected to the European Commission's controversial plans for a blanket ban on tobacco advertising from 1992. At a health ministers' meeting here, Lady Hooper, the junior health minister, said the British tobacco industry observed voluntary restraints on advertising and there was no statistical proof to support a total ban.

Ministers from Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands joined Britain in voicing their opposition to the proposal. The four form a blocking minority to any community legislation in the area, and are supported by powerful tobacco and advertising lobbies.

The unexpected strength of the opposition came as a blow to the Greek social affairs commissioner, Vasso Papandreou, who had to battle hard to get the proposal approved by her fellow commissioners last month. That it should fall at this early hurdle may indicate that the plan needs much amendment.

Lady Hooper: sees lack of statistical evidence

There is a clear north-south divide in the EC on tobacco advertising, with Greece, France, Portugal and Italy all operating total bans.

Dumas snipes at Nato rapid force

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

ROLAND Dumas, the French foreign minister, said yesterday that he foresaw nothing but difficulties ahead for Nato's proposed new rapid reaction force.

He told the parliamentary assembly of the Western European Union: "Logically you should first define political objectives, then establish precisely the strategic dimension before coming to any decision on the structure of such a force." Nato did the opposite, "and I am not sure that bodes well for the long-term success of this initiative".

M Dumas said establishing the rapid reaction contingent would involve "plenty of time and plenty of money and will pose plenty of problems to those responsible for its organisation". Nor could Nato's decision "implicate" the WEU or countries which, like France, did not belong to the integrated Nato military command. The French did not exclude the possibility of the creation of a purely European force to do the same sort of job as that envisaged by Nato. "We should examine that idea in the light of its own European merits," he argued. "And political factors should take priority over the military aspect."

Having fired off one blunt message, M Dumas launched another, equally unwelcome in Washington. The announcement earlier this week that France is to adhere to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty will not mean an end to testing French nuclear weapons. He said: "Non-proliferation is one thing, national defence is another."

● **Brussels:** Fighter aircraft from seven Nato nations will exercise over central Europe next week, including controversial low-level flying. *(Reuter)*

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The rebuilder rolls up her sleeves

The murder of her predecessor has not daunted Birgit Breuel, in charge of privatising east German industry, Anne McElvoy reports

PAUL LANGROCK

Getting on with the job: Birgit Breuel says that rebuilding east Germany's economy is "the most exhilarating challenge of my life"

Outside a stern grey building in east Berlin, beaming workers shake hands with an equally ecstatic visiting functionary. Schoolchildren gaze optimistically into the future under one banner reading "Socialism!" and another saying "Long Live the German Democratic Republic!".

Scrutinise the lower right-hand corner of the mural and you see that this particular travesty of public art is dated 1952. Until the end of the war, this was Hermann Goering's air ministry. In 1949, the East German state was founded here and in June 1953 thousands of workers marched to what was by then the House of Ministries to demand the resignation of the communist government and the unification of their country. In the event, it took almost four decades.

> *'If I were scared then I wouldn't have agreed to take the job'*

Since last month the new occupant is the Treuhand, the vast agency responsible for the privatisation of east Germany's state enterprises.

The brown-suited functionaries who used to scurry through the acres of corridors have been replaced by superior scurriers, young businessmen in the uniforms of Boss and Pierre Cardin, striding purposefully towards an early heart attack. The Treuhand (literally "trust") is a one-off invention, the largest concern in the world, with more than 8,000 companies on its books. Its task is to turn a moribund socialist economy into a thriving capitalist one, as quickly and with as few casualties as possible.

The dingy haunt of the former élite has been transformed into *Wessi*-land, all chrome and black chairs and ergonomic lighting. Atop the empire sits Birgit Breuel, named last month as the successor to Detlev Rohwedder, who was shot dead on May Day by the Red Army Faction (RAF) in his Düsseldorf home. Rohwedder's murder caused even more pain and shock than others: by targeting the president of the Treuhand, the RAF struck at the heart of the nation's reconstruction, shattered the post-unification glow. Frau Breuel is considered to be at equal risk of attack and is surrounded by security at home and in the office.

"You're not going to ask about Rohwedder are you?" asks her assistant anxiously. "She doesn't like to talk about it." Indeed, Frau Breuel reacts jerkily to the question of whether she was afraid to take on the most powerful job in German industry in the wake of an assassination.

"If I were scared then I wouldn't have agreed to take the job," she says. "Detlev Rohwedder was a friend of mine, someone I admired because he had a sound grasp of economics and a lot of compassion for the people in eastern Germany. What he would have wanted was that his work should be continued as smoothly as possible, that the terrorists should not be seen to have won even a brief victory. That's why I took the job."

She is no stranger to tests of character. The daughter of a wealthy Hamburg family which had owned the Münchmeyer private bank for generations, she watched it collapse in the early Eighties, to be taken over by outsiders. Last year one of her two sons died of cancer.

Now 53, she made her career in the conservative Christian Democratic Union, avoiding the tasks traditionally given to women in German politics (family and youth affairs, education, charm offensives). During the Eighties, she was first economics, then finance minister in Lower Saxony and pursued policies reminiscent of the industrial clean-out of the early Thatcher years. It made her respected, but not popular with the consensus-hungry Christian Democrats under Chancellor Kohl.

Her public image is mixed. She is admired for her fortitude in the days after Rohwedder's death and for her implacable devotion to a thankless job, but has a reputation for harshness, not helped by a brittle delivery and stern looks. She dresses like Margaret Thatcher before the image-makers got to her. The day we talked she was clashing vibrantly in polka dot skirt and large-checked jacket. If all of this adds up to a statement, it is "look, I haven't got time for fussing around with an image, I've got an economy to privatise".

She is equally allergic to high society and career-woman enclaves. For both Germany's feminists and press, she is a disappointment. The most powerful woman in the country, entrusted with the weightiest of tasks in Europe's strongest economy, scarcely seems to have noticed the implications of her appointment.

"I have a very limited relationship to feminism, although I would agree that my generation profited from the women's movement as far as getting a start in politics went. After that, though, I think we all fight it out together. I am pleased to encourage other women in business and politics — I like having other women around in times of stress — but I would never make it a goal. I am not interested in the theory, I have to see things work in practice."

I am left with the distinct impression that she does not have much time for women with nothing better to ask her than what it is like to be a woman in her position. She once said Mrs Thatcher was her role-model. "I was talking then in a west German context," she says. "In the east I would have to dismiss Thatcherism as a role model entirely. We have to place greater stress on social support, be careful not to leave sections of the east German population regretting the changes. If people fear for their livelihoods, they are in no position to enjoy their new freedoms."

She admits the Treuhand is unpopular. Its programme of rapid privatisation, which led to the closure of thousands of companies and large-scale redundancies this year, have left it with the image of ruthless destroyer of communities. During the Gulf war, a popular east German joke suggested that Chancellor Kohl should avoid the dilemma of whether to send German troops to the region by dispatching the Treuhand: "Soon there would be nothing left standing in Iraq."

"The Treuhand saves the politicians in Bonn from unpopularity by being unpopular for them," Frau Breuel says equably. Does she mind being unpopular? "I don't take it personally. You would be destroyed within weeks if you did."

From behind this rather abrasive chill, however, there shoots a final revelation of what makes Frau Breuel tick; her passion for making the unworkable function, for bringing order to chaos. A modern equivalent of the old *Trümmerfrauen* (rubble women) who rebuilt their homes and lives after 1945, she has taken on the rubble of an entire social order.

"Before unity we in West Germany were too comfortable in our model economy, our daily successes. To come into this shattered society, roll up our sleeves and start from scratch was the most exhilarating challenge of my life."

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Quilt trip

PATCHWORKING, the craft of thrift, is enjoying a revival of interest. More than 300 patchwork quilts will be on display during the National Patchwork Championships at Hatfield House, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, from tomorrow until Sunday. Cloth, books and quilting aids are on show, and visitors can watch quilters at work. The exhibition is open from 10am-6pm Thurs-Sat, 10am-5pm Sun, admission £4 (children £2). Further information from the National Patchwork Association, PO Box 300, Hethersett, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 3DB (0603 812259).

Bridal sparks

SKYLIGHT Fireworks of Darlington has introduced "wedding theme" fireworks displays, creating the illusion of confetti and romantic images. DIY displays cost from about £100 plus VAT, and names can go up in lights for an additional £12 a letter. Operator-fired tailor-made displays start at £1,500. Further information from Peter MacIvor, Skylight Fireworks, 31B Skinnergate, Darlington DL3 7NR (0325 381397).

Flat fish

ALTHOUGH it has been described as "80 minutes of fish doing very little and ten minutes of sea anemones doing even less", after two weeks in Woolworths the *Video Fish Tank* has gone to the top of the store's "special interest" video chart. Its promoter, Alan Campbell, says J. Edward Millner's footage of brightly coloured tropical fish filmed in zoo aquariums makes relaxing viewing, and can be left on quietly in a corner even when guests are present. The *Video Fish Tank* costs £10.21, and unlike real fish requires no maintenance. "We are hoping to do one with just plants and insects soon," Mr Campbell says.

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English National Opera: music director Mark Elder talks to **John Whitley**, and (below) **Hilary Finch** joins the fundraisers

Working towards his ideal weight

The maturing of an opera conductor, according to Mark Elder, "is a time-consuming business. They take an exceptionally long time to cook." Elder, now 43, has had a longer turn in the oven than most. But he still surprised many when, in April, he announced that he had been baked for long enough and was stepping down as ENO's music director after 14 years.

His resignation coincided with those of ENO's other two leading lights: David Pountney and Peter Jonas. But Elder says he took his decision "months ago, well before the others. The spark that started it was when I conducted *Figaro* at the New York Met in 1988. It showed me that there were so many things that I could only do outside ENO: singers to work with who couldn't come to the Coliseum because we perform in English, operas we can't stage."

Elder, in fact, has a classic case of Conductor's Mid-life Crisis. Having created the country's leading opera orchestra (a claim doubtless to be reinforced tomorrow as he leads a revival of Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth*) he now has to move to symphonies to maintain his position in a fiercely competitive profession.

When he was appointed by Lord Harewood in 1979 he was a sensation: at only 32 the youngest music director around. But the modern music business is built on international stars jetting round the world. The less high-profile preoccupations of a conscientious opera conductor were not at all the flavour of the age, and Elder refused to play the game by becoming an absentee director.

Lord Harewood sees it more positively. "Mark has had the classic career that every good conductor had before the war. Furtwängler, Knappertsbusch, even Karajan: they all learnt their trade in the opera house. Now is exactly the time to spread his wings. I suspect he has it all planned out."

The conductor Edward Downes was the first to put Elder in charge of an opera. "He was a natural opera conductor, but in this country it's almost impossible to get started. So when I took charge of Australian Opera in 1972 I thought 'This is just the place for Mark' and asked him to come with me. He took to it like a duck to water."

'His is the classic career of every good pre-war conductor'
— Lord Harewood

Elder recalls: "I was thrown in at the deep end. But until you get up in front of an entire orchestra you don't know whether you can do it. You have, in that moment, to take control of the podium."

But it was when he took over at ENO that he had to assert real authority. "He had virtually to reinvent the orchestra," says a former player. "They'd got through two music directors in almost as many years. Morale was low, good people were drifting away." Elder the whizz-kid was nervous. "I was quite sure about what I wanted," he says now, "but I wasn't sure that I was capable of getting there."

This was the period which earned him the nickname of "The Ayatollah" among some of the musicians, and a reputation for arrogance. A string player agrees that "he certainly has a steely quality, but that's because he'll never take the easy solution, and he has the bottle to carry it through."

Then, David Pountney — a friend of Elder's from Cambridge days — arrived at the Coliseum. They shared a belief in opera as a type of music theatre inspired by the populist regime of Felsenstein at the Komische Oper in East Berlin. Elder explains: "They performed with such commitment — and in the language of the audience — that the audience were held completely. I wanted to create a contemporary music theatre in which the production is every bit as important as the music, so that the eye can suggest to the ear the way it should hear."

The application of this manifesto has made the Coliseum perhaps the most influential theatre in Britain; but it only survived its more ill-judged episodes because of the quality of the playing and singing that Elder was achieving. He guaranteed the company's musical 'street-cred' ". A conductor who is working there this season says: "People who might hesitate about booking for a particular controversial production will still come if they can be sure the quality of the playing is good, and Mark has achieved that consistency."

JUDY GOLDHILL

Creator of the country's leading opera orchestra: Mark Elder at the London Coliseum, home of ENO

Away from the pit, in his trim Islington villa, Elder is relaxed, an eager conversationalist and enthusiastic tennis player. He talks happily of guest work, of discovering more Haydn, Berlioz and Debussy and of his American orchestra in Rochester, New York. But the intensity is still there and the disturbingly level, basilisk stare of authority. It is quite clear that whichever band he selects will be subjected to the same perfectionism that he brought to the Coliseum.

The crossover opera specialist faces big problems though, says Downes. "He's got to learn his job all over again. The best thing for him now is to take on a big, top-class orchestra, but he will have to be careful about which one he chooses. If they expect him to know a really wide repertoire he'll be in trouble, because they won't want to rehearse a lot of pieces they know already."

"He may not have all the big core pieces like Beethoven's *Eroica* or Bruckner," says Peter Jonas. "But what is really important is the stamp of authority, the *gravitas* that makes an orchestra respect you. Mark has got that, but it needs to be perceived."

● *Mark Elder will conduct* Lady Macbeth *at the Coliseum (071-836 3161) tomorrow and also conducts "ENO's tribute to Sir Reginald Goodall" at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800) on Sunday at 3.15pm.*

BRIEFING

Wilde card

THE Royal Shakespeare Company is turning to Oscar Wilde for the first time in its history. At the Barbican in late September, the RSC will stage Wilde's society comedy, *A Woman of No Importance*, in a production directed and designed by Philip Prowse. The Barbican season also features a new adaptation of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, directed by Peter Wood and opening in November. Playwright David Edgar, adapter of the RSC's huge success, *Nicholas Nickleby*, has based his version of Jekyll and Hyde on Robert Louis Stevenson's original, not the countless film versions.

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Can't go on without you

Hilary Finch joins the ENO audience at a special dress rehearsal of a production financed from a public appeal

Monday afternoon in the Coliseum. The perfume level was not at asphyxiation point, the bar was dry, the critics were absent. But in every other way, this dress rehearsal had all the atmosphere of an English National Opera first night: a first night, moreover, replete with sponsors and their guests. For this revival of Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* is sponsored by the General Public, and most of the 1,243 sponsors were there to take up one of the promised benefits of their generosity — a sneak preview of the revival that opens tomorrow night.

By a cunning campaign of mailings, handbills on seats and even pre-performance speeches, English National Opera has raised £87,381.51p in donations from its loyal audience, in order to stage the final production of this season. After the success of its lottery tied to Weill's *Street Scene*, the ENO's "ruling triumvirate" of Peter Jonas, David Pountney and Mark Elder orchestrated their scheme with characteristic panache. General manager Jonas, or perhaps a cast member, would appear before curtain-up — not to announce an indisposition, but to beg.

And the begging all had to be part of the entertainment. The more the punters laughed, the more they would give: that was the reasoning. And so Pountney, for instance, once addressed any Wandsworth residents in the audience, saying that since they had got off lightly with their poll tax, they might care to "give the difference" to ENO. The ruse worked, apparently.

The choice of *Lady Macbeth* — to which ENO gave the British stage premiere — was a canny one. Here was a production whose quality was already well known from previous runs at the Coliseum, and from a BBC television relay. The audience was being asked to sponsor something of proven value.

DONALD COOPER

Proven quality: Josephine Barstow, *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* in the returning ENO production

So who coughed up? According to the "personal line credits" in the programme, the largest contributions ranged from £600-plus from Lord Weidenfeld to £100-plus from Doris Lessing and Jeremy Isaacs — a magnanimous gesture, this, from the boss of a rival establishment in Covent Garden. Some donors clubbed together to make group contributions: £25-plus, for instance, came from "Opera Queens Against Clause 28". Benefits for contributors climb from a rehearsal pass and LP record for the smaller donors, to a rehearsal pass, CD and champagne reception for the £600-plus brigade.

Most of the 1,243 sponsors were there to take up one of the promised benefits of their generosity

At the dress rehearsal, some audience comments were tinged with resignation: "The Arts Council and taxpayer should provide, but if they don't then we simply have to cough up." But there was also a fighting spirit: "It's no good sitting back and expecting the government to do everything for you. If you want to see something you damn well do something about it yourself."

There were also expressions of veiled guilt: "It does seem a rather strange thing to do, when half the world is starving." And, conversely, there was shameless selfishness: "I'd do it again for an opera I really wanted to see — *Tannhäuser*, for example."

Tannhäuser or no *Tannhäuser*, the public will be given the chance to revel in the satisfaction of being benefactors again. The whole machine will start ticking once more in October 1992 in aid of another equally deserving, but as yet unspecified, production.

The value of the exercise to English National Opera can be simply expressed. In the present financial year, ENO is receiving £600,000 from the government's new Enhancement Fund. But that extra subsidy depends on "matching funds" coming from sponsors. With this one lucrative venture ENO has picked up 14.5 per cent of that target. With the National Theatre and RSC said to be pleading for advice on how to mount similar schemes (and the Royal Opera's "Garden Venture" already tapping the generosity of newspaper readers), the only foreseeable danger in this adventurous game of pairs might be a creeping sense of donor fatigue.

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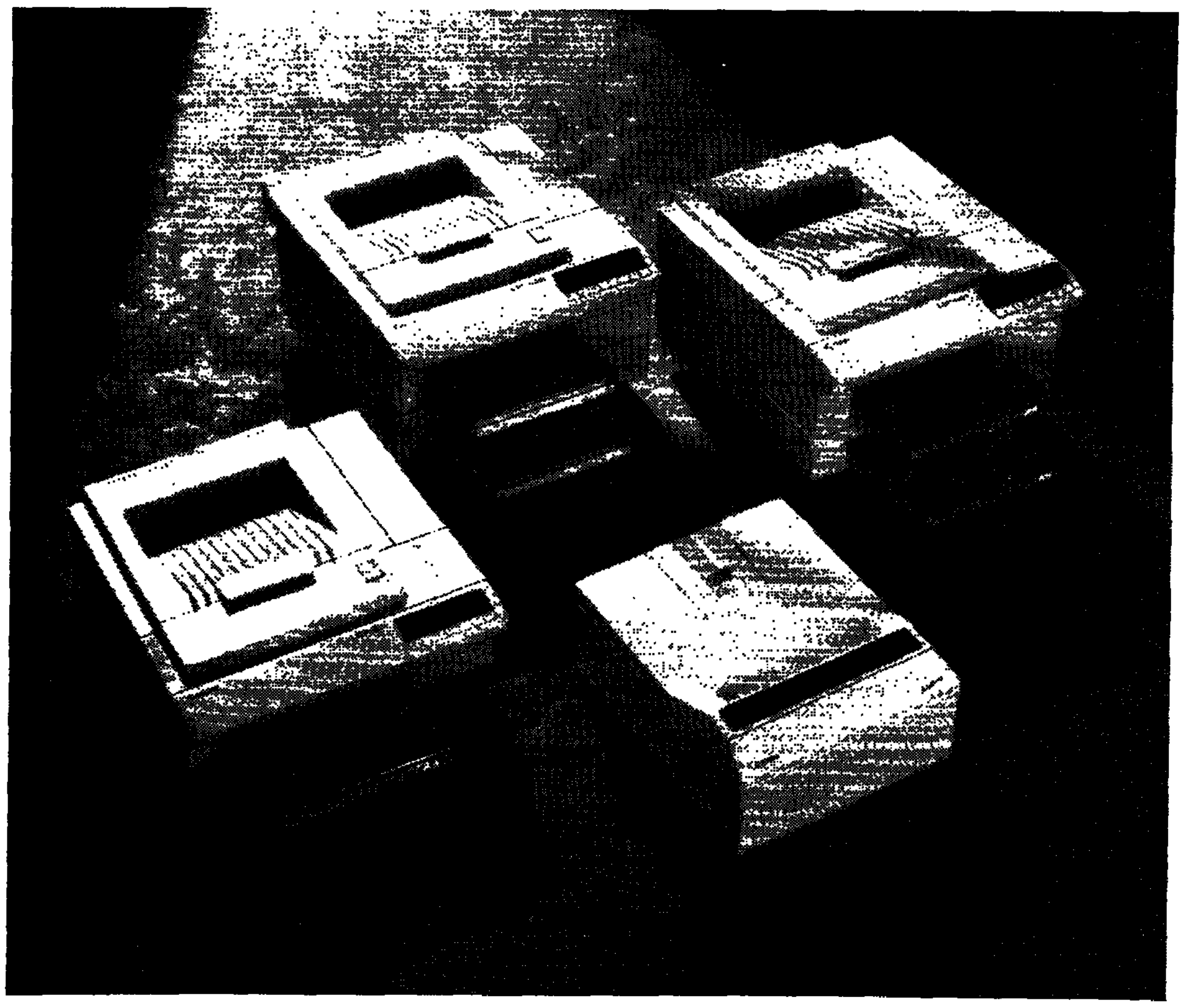

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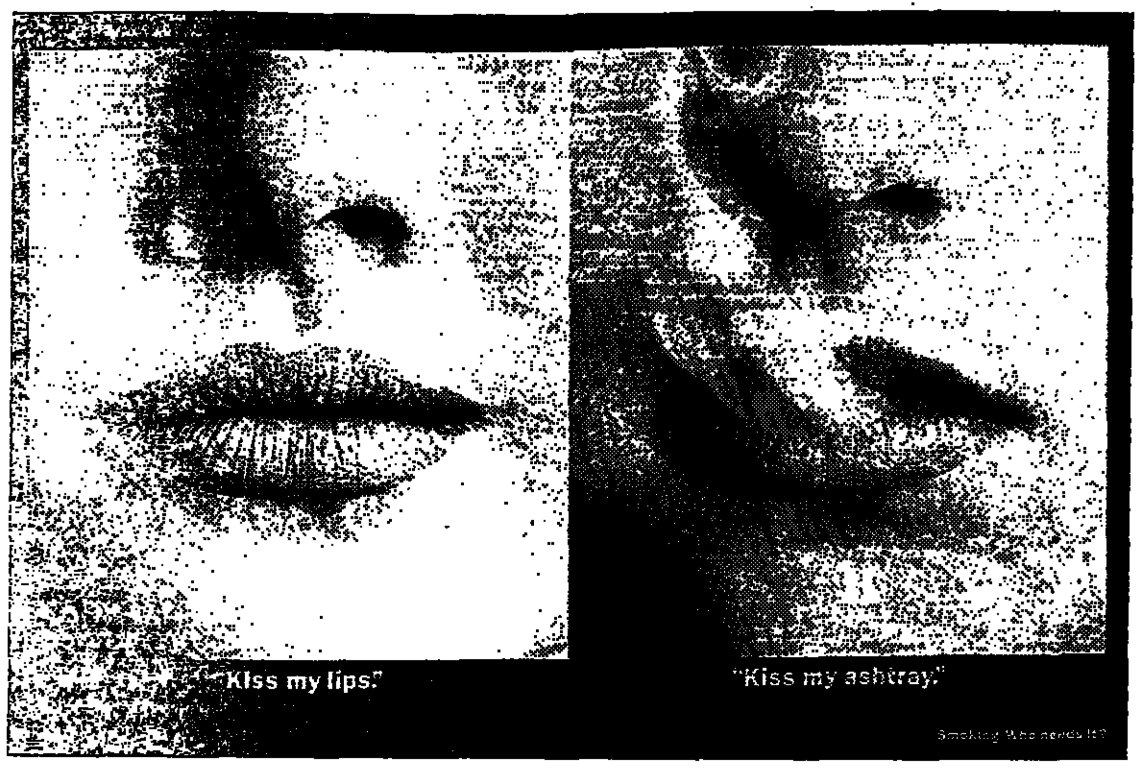

Ifs and butts: two government health campaigns show different approaches but is there evidence that they alter people's behaviour?

The government's latest plans to improve the health of the nation, unveiled in a green paper yesterday, are likely to lead to a new series of mass media campaigns. We will be exhorted yet again to give up smoking, take up exercise, lay off fatty foods and strive for a healthier lifestyle. The messages will be delivered through television, cinemas, newspapers and magazines, in a multi-million pound exercise.

But will it be money well spent? The extent to which health education campaigns are successful is fiercely debated.

"Selling health is one of the toughest challenges in the advertising business," says Mark Rapley, an executive with BMP DDB Needham, one of London's leading advertising agencies.

"Almost all advertising offers some kind of promise. But there is no obvious or immediate benefit to the consumers in much of health promotion. It is a long-term exercise and governments have to set themselves very realistic objectives."

Adrian Vickers, the deputy chairman of Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO, another top London agency, says: "Advertising is probably the most cost-effective way of communicating a health education message to a large audience. But health is an intangible product and it can be difficult to judge the long-term success of a campaign."

Heather Waring, the education manager of the British Heart Foundation, has studied the effects of government campaigns on cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and diet. "These projects tend to be effective only if they are part of an overall strategy. Putting all of your eggs in one basket, such as a mass-media blitz, doesn't work. Neither do shock-horror tactics of the sort we have seen in some of the Aids and drug abuse campaigns. They have a brief effect, and are then forgotten, or they frighten people away, or they are seen as unrealistic."

> *'The shock-horror tactics in some of the Aids and drug abuse campaigns do not work'*

Mr Rapley has handled the Health Education Authority's Aids campaigns for four years. "I'm sure that we have helped influence people's attitudes towards the disease and towards methods of preventing or avoiding it. It's more difficult to prove that we have helped change their behaviour."

Mike O'Connor, the director of the Coronary Prevention Group, says: "Government campaigns can be useful in communicating basic facts about health, but I doubt if they are very effective in changing people's lifestyles. There isn't much point in telling people not to smoke. They know they shouldn't. What you have to do is make it easier for them to give up by banning cigarette advertising. People will only start to eat a healthier diet when detailed food labelling becomes compulsory. They will only take more exercise when they are given practical help, such as easier and cheaper access to gyms and recreation facilities."

Nigel Smith, the co-ordinator of the Health Education Authority's anti-smoking programme, says that national no-smoking day, an annual event for the past five years, helps as many as 50,000 people a year to give up cigarettes. The event, sponsored by a coalition of health education groups and charities, costs about £350,000. Spending £7 on every smoker who quits is "astonishingly good value for money", Mr Smith says.

The HEA spends about £5 million a year on anti-smoking programmes, most of which are aimed at teenagers and young adults. But the £5 million a year budget is chickenfeed compared with the £100 million a year spent on advertising by the tobacco industry, and health educators are furious that the government refuses to support the European Commission proposals for a complete ban on cigarette advertising.

Lynne Walsh, of the Health Education Authority, says the use of television and press health campaigns is essential. "The public has been terribly confused in the last few years about what is good to eat and what is bad, and they rely on high-profile campaigns to put the real issues back on the agenda," she says.

Fighting for death on the box

A Californian judge will soon decide whether executions may be televised

ROBERT Alton Harris, the double-murderer closest to the end of death row in San Quentin jail, California, has already achieved a fair degree of notoriety. But, if his final appeals against the death sentence fail, and if KQED, a San Francisco television station, wins a court case next week, Harris will achieve fame by becoming the first person to be executed in front of American television cameras.

KQED says the public has a right to witness the spectacle and that an important First Amendment (freedom of the press) issue is at stake. Daniel Vasquez, the warden of the jail, says that televising the event would "damage the moral fibre of America".

Michael Schwarz, the director of current affairs at KQED, says he has "been taking a lot of flak" over the issue. "The important principle is who decides how the event is reported," he says. "Currently, the warden does.

"People think it's grotesque, but it's important for television to decide how best to handle it ... and it's an enormous news story, too."

The prospect of Harris's demise in San Quentin's gas chamber being witnessed by viewers across the state has prompted some interesting questions. According to recent polls, 80 per cent of Californians are in favour of the death penalty. But witnesses suggest execution by poison gas, which emanates from beneath the chair of the prisoner, takes between eight and ten minutes. Will viewers be so repelled by what they see that they turn against capital punishment? Or will groups of the 80 per cent gladly gather for the event with beer and a takeaway pizza?

The station has said the spectacle would not be transmitted live, and only as part of a documentary looking at the issue of capital punishment. But Mr Schwarz admits that footage would probably be pooled for use by any station in whatever way it sees best.

KQED also says transmission of executions would take place only with the agreement of the prisoner. Does this mean he or she would be in a position to evaluate any bids for rights to the event?

According to Mr Schwarz, who is confident of success, the television station "certainly wouldn't take part in a bidding war". But whether the ratings-hungry commercial networks adopt the same position when the time comes has to be in question.

EDWARD SHELTON

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Hard to digest

AS TOP executive salaries come under scrutiny in this country, an unofficial press release has been circulated to draw attention to the salary of the US-based chief executive of *Reader's Digest*. In April 110 British *Reader's Digest* staff were informed that they would have to leave before June 30; an internal memo to the remaining British employees said: "As part of our regular strategic planning cycle, we have been . . . looking for opportunities to make the business even more efficient — a need made more vital by the current downturn in the economy that is particularly affecting the publishing industry." Two weeks later an article in *Business Week* pointed out that George Grune, the *Reader's Digest* chief executive, is the ninth highest-paid executive in the United States, with an annual salary of $7.4 million.

Central deal

CENTRAL Television emerged unchallenged in the Channel 3 licence auction after effectively undermining its competition. Three weeks before the May 15 deadline, Central offered Mentorn Films a lucrative output deal in exchange for an assurance from the independent that it would not launch a rival bid. Mentorn's acceptance of the deal resulted in the break-up of a consortium backed by East Midlands Electricity. Mentorn, which makes *Challenge Anneka* for the BBC, is part of London Independent Broadcasting (LIB), the consortium of high-powered independents bidding against LWT. Tom Gutteridge, chairman of Mentorn and director of programmes at LIB, says the output deal is worth "half a dozen major dramas a year". Mr Gutteridge also claims that LIB, backed by PolyGram records, has submitted a higher cash bid than LWT. "We spent a lot of time studying LWT, its costs and its programme plans. We based our bid on the most conservative national ad revenue projections and knocked 5 per cent off that," he says.

ITN wins US video war

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IoS muddle

JOURNALISTS on the *Independent on Sunday* yesterday began the complicated process of merging with their daily sister title. Ian Jack, the award-winning journalist who took over responsibility yesterday for the *IoS* as its executive editor, says: "There is bound to be a lot of confusion. It is quite a radical, difficult and extremely ambitious change to make in just two weeks." Mr Jack, who launched the *IoS* 15 months ago with Stephen Glover (who has resigned as its editor) and Sebastian Faulkes (who has also resigned), will take charge of the Sunday title's features pages throughout the week before switching to the news operation at the weekend. He will report to Andreas Whittam Smith, the overall editor.

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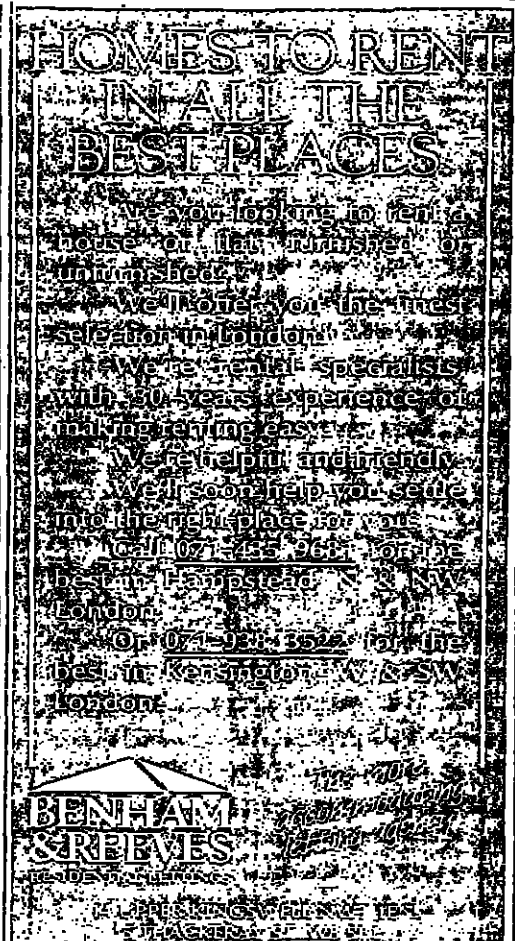

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Simon Jenkins

Where all is vanity

Sticks and stones are more lethal than words, but nobody tells that to a libel lawyer. The continuing power of words to cause pleasure or pain is gratifying to those who live by the pen. Pictures are false gods. Words matter: the sound-bite, the telling lie, the legal document, the advertising slogan. Fame is still enshrined in the dictionary of quotations, not in the photo album.

Hence the fascination at the "famous last words" of Margaret Thatcher. There is no puzzle here: she was an extraordinary leader and the manner of her going was no less extraordinary. This explains the poignancy of the notorious phrase from last month's *Vanity Fair* interview, which appeared to be a cynical description of that great British institution the home as the place "you come to when you have nothing better to do". The phrase seemed to be a painful revelation of the pressure of high office, an image of isolation and a scoop for *Vanity Fair*, to which its publicists drew particular attention.

The fate of this scoop offers an insight into the perils of modern interview journalism (which I am sure *The Times* does not always escape). This newspaper was sent a transcript of Mrs Thatcher's interview, and published a story revealing that the relevant words were not a reflection on herself but a comment on the indifference towards home life of today's children. She even said it with a laugh.

Yesterday *The Times* published a letter from the magazine's editor, Tina Brown, bitterly contesting our story. She pointed out that Mrs Thatcher "did indeed say" the words quoted. Miss Brown went on: "the tricky business of punctuating spoken remarks without the nuances of voice and expression should not be allowed to obscure the main issue. Did *Vanity Fair*'s quotation misrepresent Mrs Thatcher? Emphatically it did not." She implied that our story represented "an expiation of guilt" by those who drove Mrs Thatcher from office.

Thus accused of mendacity, *The Times* returns to the tape. The tone of the interview was sympathetic to Mrs Thatcher. The author, Maureen Orth, may be aggrieved at being damned by one phrase which appears to run counter to the general tone, but what of the crucial phrase and its quotation marks?

At this juncture, Mrs Thatcher is remarking on the importance of the home to her "close-knit family", whom she mentions by name. On tape, she continues (our numbering): "But that's what family life is about [1]. It is the home, always to be there, always certain that you can find there, no matter what happens, affection and loyalty [2]. And if you've got any problems, you take them home [3]. If you want any help, you ask at home [4]."

There follow further references to her son and daughter-in-law and the children's relations with home, and then: "Sometimes if something happens and we don't see the family as often as we would wish or they go off, I say, 'Well look [5], home is what you come to when you haven't anything better to do [6]. You know we're always there.' [7]"

In *Vanity Fair*'s version all reference to the children is omitted, as is any sign that 6 is a quote within a quote. The order of Mrs Thatcher's sentences is also changed. They appear in the sequence 4,3,1,2, followed by three dots and then 6. The key sentence, 5, is omitted altogether, as is 7, with its obvious contrast of you (children) and we (parents). In *Vanity Fair*, Mrs Thatcher is made to refer to herself. Nobody listening to the tape could possibly agree.

All of which is a storm in a fast cooling teacup. But an untruth about a public figure was widely disseminated, initially by *The Times* as well as others. Mrs Thatcher was right to be hurt by this, and *Vanity Fair* wrong not to admit it.

Satisfying the honour of our regiments

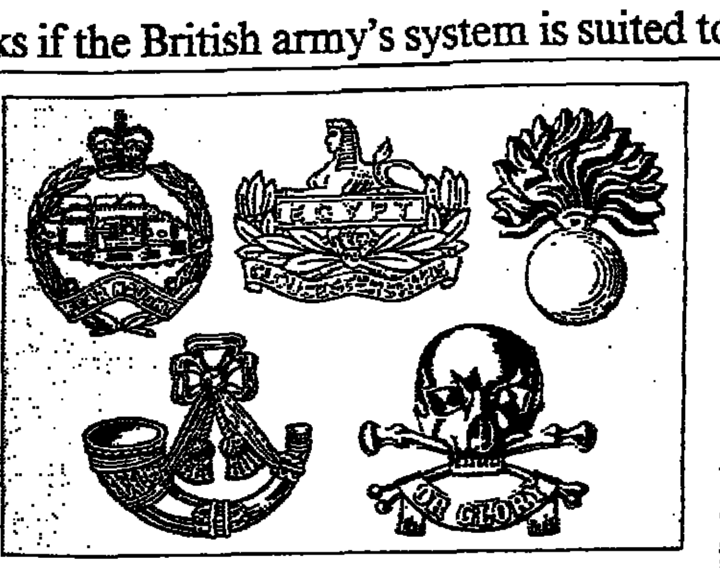
Michael Evans asks if the British army's system is suited to modern warfare

One can argue that the British army does not really exist. Instead there is a family of regiments, each with its own traditions and loyalties. The famous regimental system has survived because reformists who have tried to reorganise the army have failed to find an alternative which would guarantee its in-built *esprit de corps*. Other countries envy the British system, so why change it? On the other hand, is a family of regiments relevant or suited to modern war?

This question is important at a time when the defence ministry is attempting to slim and reshape the army, due to the reduced military threat in Europe, and a falling budget. The new key word for Western armed forces is flexibility. So is the British regimental system sufficiently flexible to meet future challenges?

Four years ago, General Sir Frank Kitson wrote in his book *Warfare as a Whole* that the army's greatest strength, the regimental system, was also the source of many weaknesses, "including the frequent failure to combine the operation of all arms and services efficiently for the achievement of a common purpose". Others, calling for the regimental system to be scrapped have argued that in modern warfare there is a greater need for infantry, armour and artillery to work closely together. Will in-fighting among the different regiments, particularly those which feel under greatest threat of disbandment, provide fuel for those who believe the system should be abolished?

Inevitably, the solution will be a compromise. The regimental system will survive because it is clearly in the army's best interests. The esteem in which the British army has always been held by friends and enemies alike has much to do with the professionalism and fighting integrity of the individual regiments. All soldiers are the same in one sense: in war their first loyalty is to the comrades fighting alongside them. But in the British army, the next loyalty is to the regiment. Any commander will tell you that the men in his charge can be guaranteed to fight 25 per cent harder for the good of the regiment than if they were part of an amorphous numbered corps with no particular identity.



Badges of honour (clockwise, top left): the Royal Tank Regiment, the Glosters, Grenadier Guards, 17th/21st Lancers, Light Infantry

Nevertheless, although the system will certainly survive, the structure will have to change. With the army being reduced by 40,000 men to about 116,000, and battalions probably cut from 55 to 36, amalgamations of regiments and, possibly, looser groupings of regiments to allow greater flexibility will be essential to the restructuring. General Kitson wrote that the army consists of a federated collection of "arms" (such as the infantry, armoured corps, artillery, engineers and signals) and "services" (such as transport, ordnance and electrical and mechanical engineers). There has never been any enthusiasm in the army for a switch to an American system, in which soldiers would be recruited into large, numbered corps with no particular identities. The Americans, who admire our system, are trying to change theirs, but it will take a long time. After all, many British regiments are more than 300 years old.

The Gulf war taught a number of important lessons. As in the Falklands conflict of 1982, the regimental system was crucial in developing the fighting spirit of those units which took part. This time however, the defence ministry had to find two armoured brigades, at wartime strength, as well as all the logistic back-up. This could not be achieved simply by sending the peacetime brigades from Germany, so because of the government's decision not to call up reserves, regiments had to be boosted with companies from other regiments. Thus, for example, a company of the Grenadier Guards served with the Royal Fusiliers. Despite different cap badges, they co-operated well.

This could support the argument that the regimental system is inherently flexible. But realistically the structure needs to be changed to avoid having to take men and equipment from other units to compose a decent fighting force. The key will be to create a structure that relies less on small units, yet still allows the soldier to identify personally with the regimental grouping.

What kind of wars can we expect to be fighting in the future? If they are to be long, high-intensity conflicts lasting years, the regimental system will remain important for the soldiers (though less relevant operationally). Being so short, the Gulf war never truly tested the system, whereas in the two world wars the system became diluted as hundreds of thousands of men were required and were drafted in irrespective of regimental connections.

However, no one in the defence ministry envisages another war lasting five or six years. Such is the potency of modern weaponry that future high-intensity conflicts are likely to be short. So it will be essential to have a flexible army structure built around the best elements of the regimental system. There is no place for disputes between regiments, which would serve only to undermine the public's perception of the changes now under way.

Keep examining our success

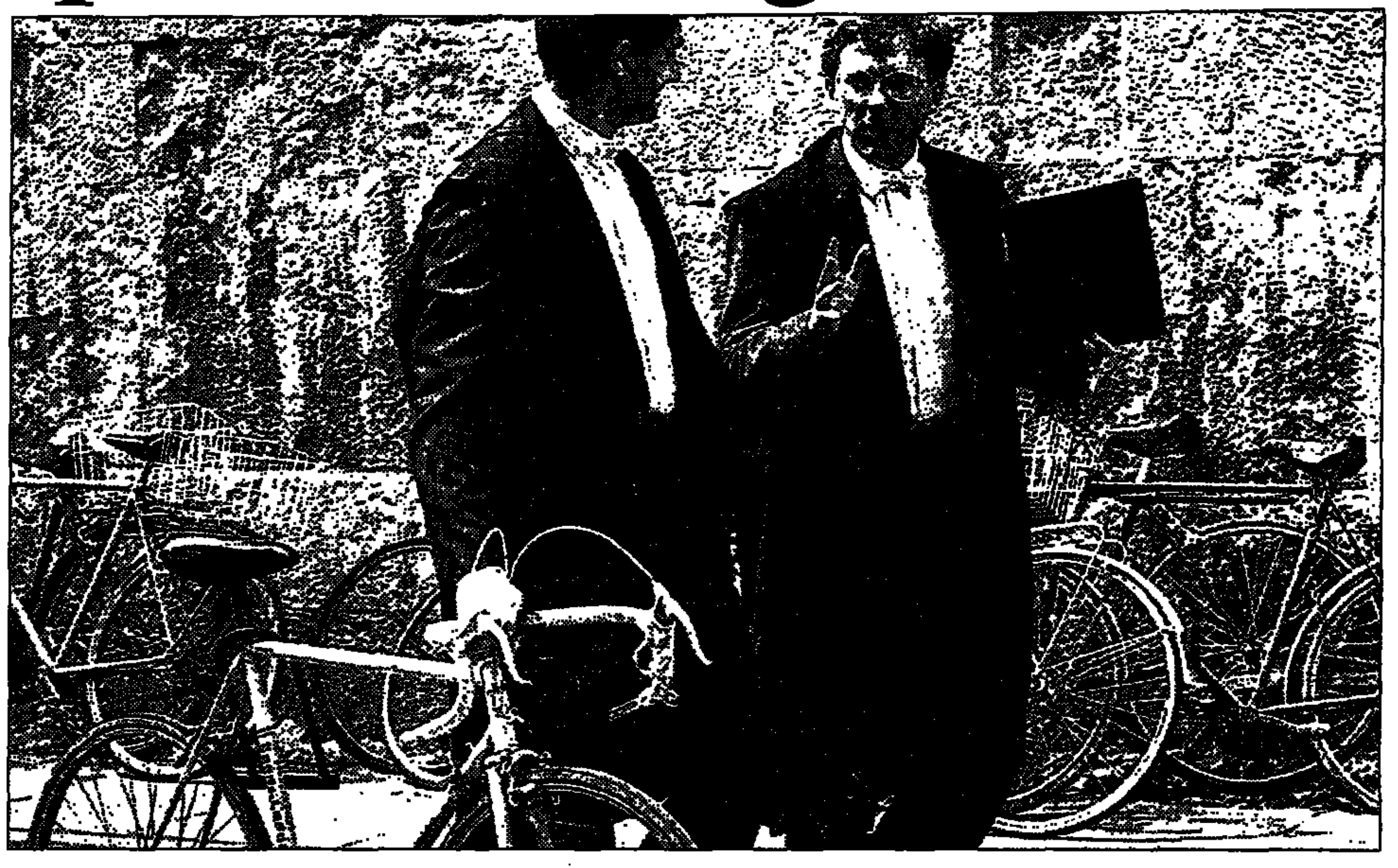
Oxford's Finals results are a public guarantee of quality, says

Jonathan Clark

So Oxford is to discourage the Norrington Table, that celebrated league table of college exam performances. With the best of intentions, the university has been persuaded to restrict the information which made possible the unofficial compilation of this minor institution. The decision follows a virulent editorial in *The Oxford Magazine*, a journal wholly subsidised by Oxford University Press and too often a platform for disaffected dons to declaim against the times they live in.

The editorial carried a powerful message, half-hidden behind its idealism. Final exams were "a necessary evil", imposed by the demands of the outside world; criticism was being voiced against "the very principle" of classifying students at all. *The Oxford Magazine* called nostalgically for "a return to more balanced values of the past". This meant the 1960s, when today's dons were students themselves. Now as then, their ideals are collective; they inhabit a world in which all competition is somehow "unfair competition".

Ironically, today's undergraduates march in a different direction. Although they regard with healthy scepticism the obstacle course of hoops and fences which is the examination system, they are intensely competitive. With due cynicism, they condemn the collection of minor distinctions as the amassing of "CV points"; but they compete nevertheless in the many activities in which they voluntarily engage.



Schools now have to publish their results, but Oxford University is shying away from competition and comparisons

Competition is still the defining principle of corporate allegiance and identity for college and university teams and crews. Instinctively, excellence in the world of student sport takes competition as its yardstick. A system which entails many losers is not discredited by this necessary truth (honour should be given to the recent Oxford crew, which, rather than be the last thing on the river, towed a rubber duck behind its boat). But some tutors are evidently profoundly offended by the greater academic success of other colleges.

Here, of course, is the rub. Objective measures of performance make public what insiders know but cannot bring themselves to discuss. Some educational institutions are brilliantly run, and have excellent admissions, a dynamic intellectual life and flourishing finances. Others are not all they should be: dull dons admit dull undergraduates, teach them indifferently, explain away their mediocre performance, and make excuses for the intellectual and material poverty of their institutions.

Some colleges repeat a pattern of ordinariness decade after decade. Others build on success and move from distinction to affluence. When women were admitted to men's colleges, some women's colleges collapsed; other colleges, under brilliant management, such as Hertford, shot from the bottom to the top. But such mobility is not random: it has its roots in successful or unsuccessful policy. It is in the nature of things that some educational policies succeed while others fail. What is worrying is that calls for the suppression of inconvenient information are allowed to disguise the failures.

The same economy with the truth was seen at Cambridge, where the men's colleges were persuaded by powerful meritocratic arguments to admit women. Reformers were indignant when Charles Goodhart, sometime senior tutor of Gonville and Caius College, pointed out that available statistics showed that the new legions of women were achieving only about half as many Firsts as men, in proportion to their numbers. For whatever reason, a breakdown of Tripos results by gender ceased to be published in *The Cambridge University Reporter*.

Once more, the squabbles of universities epitomise a national debate on momentous matters. At stake is the role in public life of the objective test, the competitive examination. Its position is not secure. The public examination really was a Victorian value, devised and raised to an ideal in order to unseat the recruitment practices of the Hanoverian *ancien régime*. Like all Victorian values, real and imaginary, its future is now in question.

Bentham and Carlyle nurtured the ideology; Thomas and Matthew Arnold propagated it in public and elementary schools; the Northcote-Trevelyan reforms of the 1850s made it central to the civil service. But examinations were never wholly accepted. Across the political spectrum, people still found reasons to discriminate according to other criteria, notably family background (patrician or, now, "deprived"), education (public school, or, now, "disadvantaged"), ethnic roots (majority or, now, minority) and gender (male or, now, female). Today's campaigners for affirmative action programmes are the true heirs of the *ancien régime*: they believe other things are more important than merit, especially the right connections.

The collectivists exploit some undoubted truths. The value of education for the individual is not described by grades or classes. The republic of letters, or science, is a noble ideal. Universities and colleges further their aims by cooperation as well as mutual competition. In a sense, we all cooperate in a sublime enterprise far greater than any individual contribution. Some research and teaching is organised collectively, but most is not, and in many fields the pursuit of shared ideals in a world of finite resources is possible only through the clash of the good, the better and the best (or, to put it in a less flattering light, the weak, the mediocre and the good).

Educationists complain of the limitations on their resources; but quantifying this in league tables proves the long-term truth of Bacon's dictum *quisque faber suae fortunae*, each the maker of his own fate. Providers of public services, whether in education or health, the railways or the post office, can only be held to account if their performance is measured. If the government is right to insist that schools publish the examination results of their pupils, despite the indignation of public service trade unions, consistency demands that colleges be required to do likewise.

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ALAN COREN

Do you recall the pivotal moment of *The Muppet Movie*? Kermit, having hopped three thousand miles to Hollywood in pursuit of his dream, contrives an audience with Tinseltown's leading mogul, brilliantly played by a length of horn-rimmed felt.

"What do you want?" the mogul asks the frog.

"I want to be rich and famous," replies Kermit.

The mogul jabs his intercom. "Bring me the Rich-And-Famous contract!" he barks.

You would certainly have recalled it last Thursday morning, had you been standing with me in the nervous throng milling atop the wind-blown summit of a north London hill. We were, mind, not the highest point on that hill, because above us rose the neatest possible symbol for what we were all doing there: an antique television mast, formerly the property of a favourite auntie, in nice condition considering its age, some restoration evident, but still a splendid example of its period. Had we given any thought to what it might be worth? Good God, no, this had never crossed our minds, we had always cherished it for itself alone, it had great sentimental value, it was like one of the family...

We were at Alexandra Palace because the BBC was at Alexandra Palace. Not, now, to transmit beyond it, but to film within it, for it was here that *The Antiques Roadshow* had put up its caravan, just for one day; which was why thousands of old carrier-bags had convened thither from all over the metropolis, in hope not merely of becoming rich beyond the dreams of avarice, which I had expected, but of realising dreams beyond even that, which I had not.

At first glance, however, you wouldn't have guessed they wanted wealth and fame. You would have guessed they wanted sanctuary. The Great Hall looked like an Oxfam transit-camp, filled with long glum lines of refugees from who knew what catastrophe; they clutched their pitiful bundles, they pushed prams containing not only wailing children, but busted clocks, dented samovars, mildewed pouffes, chipped vases, wizened moose-heads (such heartbreaking detritus, you would have assumed, as they had been able to snatch up as flood or rebel tribesmen bore down upon them), and in their hands they held the precious tickets which, presented to the officials at the dozen desks towards which they shuffled, would entitle them to a bowl of soup and a blanket.

It was only as you mingled that the truth emerged.

"I could very well get on camera with this," said a man beside me.

"What is it?" I said.

"A mechanical-dog stick." He drew it from his hold-all. It was a walking-cane with a spaniel's head. The man pressed a button, and the dog's mouth opened and its tongue popped out. "They're always on the lookout for novelties," he said.

"Is it valuable?" I said.

"Shouldn't think so," he said. "That's not the point."

"Right," said a man in the parallel queue, firmly. "Take this teapot. Remind you of anybody?"

I hesitated. "George Robey."

"said the man. "They'll lap it up."

A small boy ran back to his queueing mother.

"I've got Hugh Scully's autograph," he said, waving his book.

"You stay with me," said his mother, "you'll get David Batty's. You'll prob'ly be on television as well. I've brought Grandad's weasels."

She had them under her arm. They were in a glass dome, frozen in the dismemberment of a gull. She caught my glance.

"Very photogenic," she said, "am I right?"

"Are you sure this is the correct queue?" I said. "Batty's ceramics."

"He'll like these," she said. "Anyway, Eve wants to take a picture of me talking to him."

Eve nodded; the Polaroid bobbed on her chest. This family were true collectors. They collected stars. For that, with 14 million viewers a week, was what the *Roadshow*'s experts had become. Which was also why the punters lugged their old junk around the country; not because it could be valuable, but because it could make them stars, too. For while few might find something in the attic to make them rich forever, many might find something to make them famous for 15 minutes.

Utopia in retreat

Is socialism officially dead? The Soviet Union's decision to rename itself the Union of Soviet Sovereign Republics has made the "socialist republic" an endangered species in world politics.

While large numbers of "popular" and "people's" republics continue to thrive, and there is even one "co-operative" republic (Guyana), the Leninist tradition of the socialist republic lives on in just five scattered régimes and in the minds of those deluded Labour councillors who have unofficially adopted the title in South Yorkshire and some inner London boroughs.

In Europe, both Czechoslovakia and Romania have dropped the S-word, while Poland and Hungary have abandoned even the more euphemistic "people's republic". Only the Republika Popullore Socialiste e Shqipërisë, otherwise known as Albania, and, perhaps surprisingly, the Socialist Federation of Yugoslavia, remain.

Ethiopia has jettisoned the name leaving only the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to keep it alive in Africa. And in the Far East, Vietnam alone remains a "socialist republic", Burma having abandoned the cause. The Commonwealth has just one member claiming to be a socialist state, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

For the moment, however, Britain's government-funded Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, which liaises closely with the Foreign Office on protocol, says that despite this week's announcement in Moscow, the Soviet Union must continue to be counted among the dwindling band of socialist adherents. "It remains the Socialist Republic until we see the decree signed by President Gorbachev. Only that can formally change a state's title," says Paul Woodman of the committee.

Socialism, in the words of Nye Bevan, is nothing if not the language of priorities. With a handful of exceptions, the world has made its priorities clear.

THE TIMES DIARY

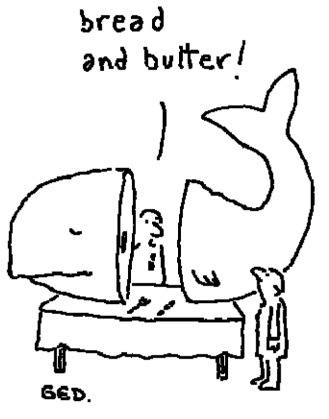
● *The president's annual dinner at the Royal Academy was just about to start on Monday night when there was a phone call from one of the guests of honour, the director of the National Gallery of Scotland, Tim Clifford. He had turned up in full black tie and in plenty of time for the dinner to mark the opening of the summer exhibition — at the Royal* Scottish *Academy. Apologising, he jumped on a flight from Edinburgh to London's City airport and was in Piccadilly by 9.15pm, hungry but in time to hear speeches by the Duchess of York, Lord Palumbo and Tim Renton.*

Panting still-life

The Royal College of Art has taken legal advice before putting on show a sculpture outside its Hyde Park premises. The work by Ben Panting, last year's winner of the Korn/Ferry international award, features a sexually explicit act, and this week went on display on the apron outside the college gallery. Jocelyn Stevens, the rector, was worried that the work could render the RCA liable to prosecution under the obscenity laws. "Perhaps we ought to have adult viewing sessions only. If it were film or video it would constitute hard pornography," he said last week. Stevens has since been reconciled to the work, says Glynn Williams, professor of sculpture. "He approved the sculpture and felt there was nothing obviously offensive about it," adds Williams, although he admits that it has been the butt of a stream of lewd jokes from builders nearby.

Frost in Iceland

Dale Campbell-Savours's reputation as a fearless campaigner knows no bounds: even his own family is not immune from attack. In Monday's whaling debate, the Labour MP for Workington not only found himself praising the agriculture minister, John Gummer, but also hit his relatives hard in the pocket.



It's my bread and butter!
GED.

"My wife is Icelandic and members of my family in Iceland have been part of the whaling industry," Campbell-Savours said, before launching his vigorous attack on their livelihood. Two of his brothers-in-law have worked on a whaling station, and Cambell-Savours expects to have his "ears bent" when he and his wife Gudrun take their annual family holiday in Reykjavik. "I get on well with my in-laws, but I am sure they will tell me I have no right meddling in their bread and butter."

Bare war chest

More than three months after the ceasefire in the Gulf war, there is still no campaign medal. Before this can be struck, it must be approved by the Queen, but no design has yet been agreed.

"We are still awaiting instructions," says the Royal Mint. "We understand the Ministry of Defence is having difficulty deciding who should qualify." The difficulties apparently relate to the multinational nature of the allied forces: should the honour be given exclusively to the British forces in Operation Desert Storm, or to all participants? The ministry has of course set up a committee, but no decisions have been taken. Nor will officials be drawn on a timetable, merely stating that a cupro-nickel medal will be struck "in due course".

The delay is in stark contrast to the aftermath of the 1982 Falklands campaign. Hostilities ceased in mid-June, the Queen approved the design by July, and the medal was unveiled two months later.

Unless the ministry moves quickly, British troops may find themselves decorated by foreign governments before they receive their own nation's award. The Kuwaitis and the Saudis both have plans for medals for which our boys would qualify.

● *Mrs Thatcher had to cancel a least one important engagemen on Monday night for her tête-à-têt with John Major. She was due t be the star guest at a party for St Bernard Ingham, her former pres secretary. Other guests, puzzled a her non-appearance, included th Press Association's chief politic correspondent, hoping for a exclusive interview, but little know ing that an even bigger story wa unfolding elsewhere.*

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PREVENTION AND CURE

The National Health Service was set up to prevent illness, treat it, and rehabilitate patients. Despite the good intentions of the system's designers, the medical professions which succeeded in keeping control of the NHS from its inception have been allowed to concentrate on curing rather than preventing ill-health. One virtue of the government's health reforms, and of yesterday's green paper, *The Health of the Nation*, is that professionals will now be positively encouraged to keep their patients well, not just to treat their ailments.

Death is not preventable, but premature death can be. A hundred years ago, four out of ten children died before adulthood. Life expectancy at birth is now some 30 years longer than it was then. Fatal childhood illnesses such as diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough have been virtually eliminated. Women rarely die in childbirth. Even over the past ten years, premature deaths from lung cancer, coronary heart disease and accidents have fallen sharply. But still comparisons with Japan, America, Canada, Australia, West Germany and France show that middle-aged English people are the most likely to die of heart disease and have the second worst record on cancer.

General practitioners have responded to the government's offer of extra money for reaching immunisation targets. Latest figures show that 90 per cent of children are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus and polio, 89 per cent for measles, mumps and rubella, and 85 per cent for whooping cough. GPs, under their new contracts, also have a financial interest in promoting cervical cancer screening and health education clinics. Such preventive measures are almost costless to the patient, except in terms of the time taken to visit the doctor.

More difficult is to persuade people to lead the healthier life that is likely to reduce the numbers of premature deaths from lung cancer, heart attacks and strokes. Smoking is the largest preventable cause of death, accounting for a third of all deaths in middle age. It causes 90 per cent of lung cancers and about 20 per cent of all coronary heart disease deaths. Roughly a third of the population still smokes, down from 45 per cent in 1974. The trouble is, those people enjoy their habit and suffer hardship in trying to give it up. They know their risk of dying early is increased, but they also know that they may well survive happily into their nineties on a packet a day. Stopping children from starting smoking, through a combination of higher cigarette prices and stricter enforcement of laws against selling tobacco to under-16s, could be more productive.

Even harder to change are eating and drinking habits. The strongest statement the green paper makes is that "many people still eat and drink in ways which, over time, can contribute to the risk of developing serious ill-health and of premature death." That claim is so hedged with qualifiers that many people may conclude that they derive enough pleasure from eating bad food to compensate for what may or may not turn out to be a higher risk of disease in later life. Health scares and food fads ebb and flow with such speed that the "healthy" eater can barely keep pace with them.

Even if only some of the advice is heeded, Britain is likely to become a healthier nation, in that fewer people will die before they should. Sadly that will not decrease the demand on the NHS. Those who drop dead of a heart attack at 55 are far less of a burden than those who live on into their eighties and nineties. Lung cancer deaths may fall as fewer people smoke, but the incidence of other cancers will rise as people live longer. None the less, a healthier country is generally a happier country. Government and health service professionals are right to educate and exhort. People can then choose whether or not to lead healthier lives. Their choice will at least be better informed.

THE STATE AND THE COURTROOM

What kind of a right is the right of recourse to justice? Is it like the right to minimum standards of health care, available to all? Or is it like the right to take tea at the Ritz hotel, one that should be rationed by price?

This question lies behind the consultation paper on civil legal aid, published yesterday by Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor. No criminal on a serious charge should lack legal representation because he lacks means. But somewhat different issues are raised by the state subsidy to eligible civil litigants. They are not compelled to go to law. Nor should they be encouraged to go to law. Even the successful litigant suffers agonies through the long drawn-out process, for which even substantial sums in damages may not afterwards seem worth the pain. A glance across the Atlantic is a reminder of a litigation-oriented society, where lawyers are usually the only winners.

Moreover state-financed law has to be rationed somehow. The present legal aid system is busting the bank. Since the beginning of the 1980s, the legal aid budget has risen five times faster than inflation. Civil legal aid costs the taxpayer twice as much in real terms as it did five years ago; each case costs 31 per cent more.

Legal aid cannot continue to claim open-ended priority against other more urgent demands on the public purse. To that extent, therefore, Lord Mackay's willingness to contemplate reform is welcome.

The mechanism he appears to favour is more controversial. The poorest are to continue to have their legal fees paid. Everyone else would be expected to fund their cases privately, until the cost reached a means-tested spending limit. Only when the cost exceeded that limit would they become eligible for legal aid.

The advantage of such a scheme is that most people would pay something towards litigating. This would make them weigh carefully the potential benefits, though none need be deterred from seeking justice, however large those costs might ultimately prove to be. But it would also mean that those just above social security levels might find litigation beyond what they felt they could afford, while the state was subsidising wealthier people to pursue expensive law suits. One inequity would replace another.

A more radical approach is required. First, tighter control needs to be established over lawyers' cost-effectiveness. The standard fees system, which already covers three-quarters of Crown Court cases, should be extended. The Legal Aid board should expedite its plans to channel legal aid work towards law firms which it has examined and found to be reliable, efficient and competent.

Second, cheaper forms of resolution of legal disputes need active encouragement. The Lord Chancellor should promote alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the settlement of cases by conciliation and arbitration outside the courts, even in the face of resistance from lawyers who fear its impact on their future incomes.

More fundamental, the government needs to think hard about whether, save at the margins, it should be in the civil legal aid business at all. The most attractive notion floated in the consultation paper is that legal aid should be replaced by private legal insurance. At present, this covers only 7 per cent of households, compared with 50 per cent in Germany and 80 per cent in Sweden. The consultation paper raises the difficulty that people may be reluctant to insure themselves against so remote a contingency as a big court case. But most people insure against the much more remote contingency of their houses being burnt down.

While the state provides, of course individuals will be reluctant to provide for themselves. If it ceases to provide, insurance will soon expand into the gap thereby created. The state should confine itself to offering generous civil legal aid to those who cannot reasonably afford to insure; and to sustaining criminal legal aid to those who have no choice but to appear in court.

MONEY FOR OLD ROPE

When Tsar Alexander III authorised construction of a railway from Moscow to Vladivostok, he ushered in a brief age of unparalleled luxury on the longest steam journey in the world. For the eight-day journey across the Russian empire, velvet hangings, silver cutlery, cut glass and fine wine adorned the Wagons-Lits coaches. Today, as it celebrates its centenary, passengers need a vast book, a cast-iron stomach and almost unlimited taste for political discussion to travel on the Trans-Siberian railway.

The scenery is better in Norfolk: even the soulful Russophile can tire after mile upon mile of flat, frozen tundra. The food is abysmal, as Soviet attendants pilfer the supplies to sell on the black market. And whereas it was hard to raise even a smile from Russians afraid to talk to foreigners in the old days, nowadays everybody aboard wants to tell you his or her opinion of President Gorbachev, the Soviet economy, Mrs Thatcher, life in the West and the future of that vast, shambolic country.

Now there are plans to restore the splendour of the tsarist past: steam trains are being brought out of long storage, waiters trained to serve caviar with a touch of the old courtesy, and carriages spruced up. Tour companies, for a sizeable fee in western currency, are ready to introduce a northern version of the Orient Express.

The lure of the dollar is giving a new lease of life to many other mainstays of the old communist bloc. The Berlin Wall and Iron Curtain have already been auctioned off. Soviet tanks once poised to roll over Western Europe may soon be exported as executive toys to America. In Poland, redundant MiGs are to serve as training planes for would-be top guns from the West. The fees for indulging their fantasies will go to maintain the idle Polish squadrons at formerly secret air bases.

How about Intourist tours of the Lubyanka? Hard-lipped KGB guides could beg tourists to take once-forbidden photographs of the cells where communism's victims sat. How about a quick buzz on the hot-line from the Kremlin study? And surely money could be made from the destruction of SS-20 missiles. Be Dr Strangelove and push the button.

The principle of charging the market rate to indulge any enthusiasm need not be confined to reforming communists learning the ways of capitalism. A ride in the driving cab of a high-speed train could reduce British Rail's deficit, though the passengers might look askance at allowing the amateur actually to drive. Target practice with the RAF, raising Tower Bridge to amuse the tourists, an inspection below stairs in Downing Street — all could swell the public purse. Of course there will always be rip-offs. Full marks for capitalist initiative to the Dubliner now trying to ship to America bits of stone from the quarry whence the Blarney stone came, for their own private kissing. But most good ideas are not new. Has anyone thought of selling the Eiffel tower?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fair conduct and a Conservative role in Ulster talks

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist)

Sir, Your editorial today, June 3, seems to have been written in ignorance of the causes for the delay in the Northern Ireland inter-party talks.

We accepted Peter Brooke's invitation to talks at Stormont, in the belief that he had done the necessary "housekeeping" and in the expectation that he would chair those talks. We were extremely disappointed to be met at the outset with a refusal by Irish nationalists to enter the first strand of the talks unless we agreed to their demands on the conduct and chairmanship of the second strand.

Those demands were not molehills, nor did we exaggerate their dimensions; instead we sat down, under protest, to try to resolve them. It was precisely when we proposed a framework for doing so that our counterparts ran out of Stormont. We continue there, ready to deal with any business that Mr Brooke may put before us. But in the last week, he has put precious little business before us and Northern Ireland Office ministers and officials have probably spent more time in unresolved negotiations with the Irish Republic than with ourselves.

The ill-concealed threats at the end of your editorial will impress few. Ulster's finances are based on the principle that, in return for paying the same taxes as the rest of the kingdom, we are entitled to the same services. No one looking at the higher level of deprivation and unemployment could justify a reduction in the level of services here. To do so would be to discriminate against the people of Ulster, and would be in breach of Britain's international obligations to treat all its citizens equally.

By all means let London propose the best pattern of local self-government it can devise, along lines which it has considered in the past, especially for Scotland and Wales, or the current Heseltine review. But, if it wants to desert these precedents and impose a unique status on Ulster, it must learn from the mistake of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and seek our consent.

Sincerely,
DAVID TRIMBLE,
House of Commons.
June 3.

From Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, MP for Newbury (Conservative)

Sir, For some unfathomable reason the English view of the Irish — north or south of the border — is that they are a wholly unreasonable lot who ought to have their heads knocked together until they see English good sense. It is a strangely illiberal approach from a country that prides itself on fair play.

Thank heavens for Peter Brooke. He at least is prepared to listen and understand the different points of view, even if sometimes they seem hair-splitting. He has made great progress in bringing the parties together. As one of their spokesmen said, he thinks like an Irishman, which helps. He has not used the big stick or the leverage to which you refer — do we really count the cost of membership of the UK in the way you suggest? — and I hope his patience will be rewarded.

What he has started offers the best chance of political progress for years. If he achieves a measure of self-government that will be a considerable gain. It will enable local politicians to once more play a creative role in the administration of the province, which they want to do and reduce Westminster's involvement in so many of its day to day problems. If he achieves his other two objectives, that will be a triumph.

But whatever progress he makes can mark the end of the political vacuum which has helped to maintain the instability on which the terrorist thrives. A step-by-step approach which enjoys local political support is infinitely preferable to the imposed settlement from Westminster to which you give your support. We have seen too many since 1969 to have any confidence in their success.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON,
House of Commons.

From Mr Stephen J. A. Eyre and others

Sir, The sense of frustration expressed by your leader writer over the roller-coaster "progress" of the Brooke talks is no doubt shared by our very patient secretary of state, who must have felt that at the end of March a consensus on the structure and agenda for the talks existed among the participants. We sympathise.

Our sympathy extends to the ordinary people of Northern Ireland who, rightly or wrongly, have been encouraged through the media to believe that these talks hold the key to peace in the province. You are surely right to suggest a time limit must be set on this process. However, we cannot agree with your prescriptive remedy of "the best pattern of power-sharing self-government that London can devise".

You rightly point out that Northern Ireland benefits from a generous subvention from the central exchequer. You fail to mention that other disadvantaged areas of the United Kingdom also receive generous treatment according to their perceived needs. If Northern Ireland is to continue to enjoy the benefits of being in the United Kingdom — and we firmly believe it is in the interests of all Northern Irish people that we should — then surely all that the sovereign Parliament has a right to demand is that our part of the kingdom accepts just the same standards and structures of British democracy as other parts.

That means, in other words, the devolution of *local* government functions as in Great Britain, and legislation for Northern Ireland at Westminster on the same basis as Scotland or England and Wales. That is what we, as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidates in Northern Ireland, support, and we believe it would be welcomed by an overwhelming majority of the electorate here.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN J. A. EYRE (Strangford),
MYRTLE BOAL (East Antrim),
LEONARD FEE (South Belfast),
LAURENCE KENNEDY
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From Mr R. A. Darnley

Sir, Your report (May 29) of the remarks by Dr Laurence Kennedy, the Conservative party's prospective parliamentary candidate for North Down, on the exclusion of the Conservatives from political talks in Northern Ireland exposes the dilemma of many in the party here.

Since a stubborn majority of the Northern Ireland electorate wish to remain part of the UK, the affairs of the province will always ultimately be the responsibility of the UK government. Second, the Conservative party has been properly established in Northern Ireland for 18 months now; although not yet fully tested electorally, it at last provides the electorate here with the opportunity to vote for a major party not tainted by the Ulster tribal divisions. No one can seriously consider the party to be small or insignificant.

Naturally Mr Brooke is the best person to represent the party at the talks; but if he should have to withdraw from them at some stage, for whatever reason, another figure in the party should step in.

Is it right for the government of our country to have no representation in these vital discussions to determine the future system of government for one of its regions?

Yours sincerely,
R. A. DARNLEY,
Holly Park Road,
Killinchy, Co Down.

Net book agreement

From the President of the Booksellers Association

Sir, Simon Tait, your arts correspondent, reports (June 3) on a paper just published by the Institute of Economic Affairs, "Competition and Choice in the Publishing Industry", which seeks to denigrate the economic arguments supporting the net book agreement. Among other things it claims that publishers operate what amounts to a cartel.

An earlier report, "The Economic Implications of the Net Book Agreement", by Dr Frank Fishwick of the Cranfield School of Management, supports a different viewpoint. It should be remembered that there are those who believe that the net book agreement helps to keep book prices low overall; is pro-competitive; is important in maintaining the widespread availability of books to the reading public; and encourages the development of well-stocked bookshops.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM GIBSON, President,
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Minster House,
272 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

'Pindown' lessons

From his Honour Judge Christopher Hordern, QC

Sir, From your leader today (May 31) and the very full coverage of the "pindown" matter, it appears that one may not use "such humiliations as the denial of outer clothing, food restrictions, demeaning tasks and early bedtimes" to control unruly children.

Nowhere does one see any suggestion whatever as to measures which may be used. If one cannot send a child to bed early without its supper, should not social workers be told what, if anything, they *can* do by way of discipline?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HORDERN,
43 Smith Street, SW3.
May 31.

Netting dolphins

From Mr Sean R. Whyte

Sir, A misunderstanding appears to be clouding the arguments surrounding the Cornish drift-net issue (reports, May 30, 31). Specifically, the large nets used in the Pacific by the Japanese, Taiwanese and South Korean fishing fleets are not being targeted against the yellowfin tuna as suggested by both Mr Gummer and the Cornish fishermen. They are used to catch squid, skipjack tuna and the fish being sought by Cornish fishermen, the albacore tuna.

The question of an association between tuna and dolphins is only at issue when considering the purse-seine net method of catching yellowfin tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific, where dolphins are deliberately netted in the hope of also catching the tuna which are known to swim with them.

Drift-nets catch whales and dolphins simply because they are used in seas where they live and the waters off Ireland are certainly home to many species. It is this indiscriminate nature of the net that has prompted calls for them to be banned. The length of the net is largely irrelevant; one boat carrying 50 miles of net probably wreaks as much damage as ten boats carrying five miles of net.

No one wants to see Cornish fishermen go out of business but it is in everyone's long-term interest, including the fishermen, that these indiscriminate nets are removed from our oceans.

Yours etc.,
SEAN R. WHYTE,
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19a James Street West, Bath, Avon.
May 31.

Actors for Mozart

From Dr Max Prola

Sir, We should not be surprised that "Britain's contribution to the Vienna Festival in Mozart's bicentenary year is to be two Mozart operas performed by actors from West End musicals instead of opera singers" (report, later editions, May 30) for it is the predictable consequence of a prevailing emphasis on the dramatic and visual aspects of opera, with a consequent neglect of vocal and musical values.

The domination of opera by producers largely drawn from the prose theatre is partly responsible for the world-wide decline in the quality of opera singing that we are witnessing today. Unless opera administrators and critics devote more attention to the importance of singing, and plans are made to discover and nurture vocal talent, operas cast with actors may become the sad norm.

Sincerely,
MAX PROLA,
Chi Canta?, Ditchfield Lane,
High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire.

Defamation move

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, The Attorney General, in a written reply on May 14 to a question, has confirmed that the Lord Chancellor intends to extend the defence of innocent dissemination to printers "as soon as a convenient legislative vehicle is available". The draft Defamation Bill set out in appendix III of the report of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Defamation (the Faulks committee) is just such a vehicle, parked, wastefully, in a deep pigeon-hole since its publication in March 1975.

Clause 15 provides precisely for innocent dissemination by a printer but the other recommendations of the Faulks committee embodied in the draft bill are no less urgently needed. Legislation on defamation is long overdue. What is the Lord Chancellor waiting for now?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
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Grays Inn, WC1.
May 24.

Plight of Somalia

From Mr Michael Purcell

Sir, The Americans appear admirably to have at least halted the march to self-destruction in Ethiopia. But the even more desperate plight of neighbouring Somalia seems to be largely ignored. That country, where in the 1980s the Americans enjoyed defence facilities and powerful influence while the Soviets were entrenched in Ethiopia, is now as near total collapse as any country can actually get.

It is not so much a question of sparing a tear for Somalia, though that would be welcome, as of seizing the present opportunity there as in Ethiopia to influence the emergence of a reasonably democratic regime which would bring some prospect of recovery and stability. There is a government of sorts and leaders of factions in the north and elsewhere who could probably be persuaded to follow the Ethiopians to a table in London. What seems certain is that without some honest brokerage on the Ethiopian lines, preferably undertaken by the UN, Somalia will remain indefinitely prostrate and a mounting challenge to the pockets and conscience of the civilised world.

It is perhaps typical of the differing standards by which Ethiopia and Somalia are judged that there does not appear to have been a "cheep" from the US or their friends at northern Somalia's declaration of independence and consequent threat of break-up of virtually the only state in Africa formed of an ancient people with one language, one religion and one culture.

A representative of that very fine medical charity, Médecins sans Frontières, said recently that Somalia is "the forgotten land". How true. Conscience and the cause of recovery and more decent government in the Horn will be ill-served by continuing passivity towards Somalia's plight.

Yours sincerely,
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May 30.

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Blowing in the right direction?

From Mr Evan M. Davies

Sir, In the centre of this town, almost within sight of each other, there are ten weathervanes — two galleons, two foxes, a dog, three flags or pennants and two arrows.

The galleons are magnificent, gilded ships in full sail with their bowsprits pointing in the direction the wind is going. One fox runs with the wind and the other against it. The dog, appropriately a pointer, faces the wind, with its very large tail indicating the way the wind is going.

To me, the least ambiguous is a plain arrow, the arrowhead showing clearly from where the wind is coming.

As an urban landlubber I find all this confusing. Should there not be an agreement that weathervanes show the origin of the wind?

Yours faithfully,
EVAN M. DAVIES,
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Farnham, Surrey.
June 3.

Governor's salary

From Mr David Howard

Sir, Your editorial (May 24) about the recently revealed rise in the salary of the governor of the Bank of England and other top managers of UK plc failed to mention the subject of leadership. Events in the Gulf earlier this year demonstrated leadership by the military and their political masters. Many a hard-pressed executive director would welcome clear delegation as provided by Messrs Bush and Major to their commanders-in-chief, with no subsequent interference, and loyal support to boot.

Industry still relies heavily upon a social network for much of its top management. Authority is reinforced too often by an aura of fear rather than example, thereby doubtless leaving more time for the consideration of share options, buy-outs, bonuses and spectacular salary rises. Little time remains for caring for stakeholder interests beyond the morrow, such as long-term profitability.

Accountability to shareholders, as you identify, is one way to rid business of the inadequate short-termist directors whose fortunes we read of daily in the business pages. Accountability to those other stakeholders, the employees, is equally important.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HOWARD,
Hill House, 20 Old Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.

Night courts

From the Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, The Bar Council's proposal (report, May 29) to set up a working party to look at the possibility of night courts as part of a scheme to make the legal system more "user friendly" is to be applauded. Arbitration, as opposed to litigation, has always been flexible enough to accommodate night, or even weekend, sittings for the benefit of the parties whose convenience is of prime importance (arbitrators have no criminal jurisdiction, of course.)

Another advantage of arbitration is that the "judges" are experts in the particular field of dispute, for example a building matter might be arbitrated by an architect, an engineer or a surveyor; a medical partnership dispute by a doctor; a consumer law matter, such as a travel arbitration, by a lawyer, and so on.

If night sittings involve an increase in court staff, including more judges, as they will, why not supplement these with suitably qualified arbitrators? There are many such arbitrators, able, ready and willing to serve the public, and they are already quite accustomed to sitting at unorthodox hours.

Yours truly,
MARGARET RUTHERFORD,
Vice-President,
The Chartered Institute
of Arbitrators,
Thurlow, Munstead Park,
Godalming, Surrey.
May 29.

Pressing enquiry

From Lord Remnant

Sir, What a pity it would be if Mr Wood's letter (June 3) put off hotels from providing trouser-presses, regrettably not yet ubiquitous enough. Every encouragement should be given for the smoothing of the crumpled British male. With this equipment used once and often twice daily I consider this product far from a luxury to the traveller.

Yours, still shabbily,
REMNANT,
Bear Ash, Hare Hatch,
Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr S. J. Lawson

Sir, Electric trouser-presses are excellent, especially in cold northern hotels for warming ones pyjamas.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
S. J. LAWSON,
44 Marford Road,
Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Roderick Bromley

Sir, I have always used them to warm up my bacon and egg sandwiches — wrapped in aluminium foil first of course.

Yours sincerely,
RODERICK BROMLEY,
Coltishall House,
Great Hautbois Road,
Coltishall, Norfolk.
June 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 4: His Excellency Mr Robert Leslie was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Belize in London.

Mrs Leslie was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Robert Cormack was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Stockholm.

The King of Swaziland visited The Queen.

Major-General Sir Christopher Airy was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Private Secretary and Treasurer to The Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents' Centenary Exhibition "A Hundred Years of the British Invention" at the Design Centre, Haymarket, London SW1.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Sir Simon Hornby (Chairman of the Design Council) and Mr Clifford Lees (President, Chartered Institute of Patent Agents).

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

The Right Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, and The Duke of York attended the Annual Court Meeting and Lunch at Trinity House.

Mr Brian McGrath and Captain Neil Blair, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the British Heart Foundation, attended a dinner at St James's Palace.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duke of York this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Territorial Army Surveyors' Dining Club at Armoury House, City Road, London EC1.

Captain Neil Blair, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Blue Cross, today visited the Burford Field Centre, Burford, Oxfordshire.

Mrs John Floyd and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, this afternoon received Lady McNeill upon relinquishing her appointment as Honorary President and assuming the position of Founder President, and Lady du Cann upon relinquishing her appointment as Vice-President and assuming the position of Honorary President.

The Princess Royal today visited Cumbria and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cumbria (Sir Charles Graham, Bt).

Her Royal Highness opened Cockermouth Scouts Centre and afterwards, as President of Save the Children Fund, visited the Save the Children Fund Shop in Cockermouth.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Kangol Limited at Frezco Mills, Frizington and Cleator Mills, Cleator.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened Copeland Occupational and Social Centre, The Square, Cleator Moor and visited Nelson Thomlinson School and UCB Sidac Limited, Wigton.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a "Starry, Starry Night" Gala Concert at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 4: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Army Corps, today visited the Corps Headquarters at Guildford and opened the WRAC Museum.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in attendance.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 4: The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Mr Ray MacSharry (European Commissioner for Agriculture), Mr Carlo Ripa di Meana (European Commissioner for the Environment), the Secretary of State for the Environment (the Right Hon Michael Heseltine, MP) and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (the Right Hon John Gummer, MP) visited North Yorkshire.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 4: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the Abbey Community Association Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, London, SW1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 4: The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, today left Royal Air Force Northolt for Arras, France.

Commander Roger Walker, RN is in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patroness, today received the Chairman of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Sir Lawrence Byford.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 4: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Community Centre at St Luke's in the Avenue, Kew, Surrey.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Derby at Epsom at 12.45. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will also be present.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, and accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a concert at Buckingham Palace at 7.15 to mark the bicentenary of Mozart's death.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Supra Regional Mental Health Service for Deaf People at Springfield Hospital, SW17, at 10.20 and open the new out-patients' department.

The Duke of York will open the Trinity House National Lighthouse Centre in Penzance, Cornwall, at 11.20; open the hydrotherapy pool at the Polkyth Recreation Centre, St Austell, at 12.25; will open the British Red Cross Day Centre, St Dennis, at 1.20; and visit Trinity School in Teignmouth, Devon, at 2.50. Later, as Patron of The Weston Spirit, he will attend a reception at Fortune House, Park Lane, Aintree, Liverpool, at 5.20; and will attend the 45th annual dinner of the Manchester Naval Officers' Association at the Stanneylands Hotel, Wilmslow, at 7.10.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, will attend the annual meeting and luncheon at Church House, Westminster, at 10.55; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will deliver The Observer bicentenary Thomas Paine lecture at Chelsea Bridge House at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will attend the opening, by the Prince of Denmark, of "A King's Feast", an exhibition of silver from the collection of Queen Margarethe of Denmark, at Kensington Palace at noon.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Ladies Guild of St John Ophthalmic Hospital, will attend a meeting at 1 Grosvenor Crescent at 11.00.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Anderson, civil servant, 85; Miss Moira Anderson, singer, 51; Viscount Cobham, 48; Mr A.R. Dawson, rugby player, 59; Miss B.E. de Cardi, archaeologist, 77; Sir John Dellow, former deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 60; Miss Margaret Drabble, author, 52; Mr Robert Drayson, former headmaster, Stowe School, 72; the Earl of Dundee, 42; Mr D.A. East, former chief constable of South Wales, 55; Professor C.M. Fletcher, physician, 80; Mr David Hare, playwright, 44; Professor Christopher Hawkes, archaeologist, 86; Sir Jack Jacob, QC, former Senior Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Divison, 83; Mr Neil Milligan, trades unionist, 65.

Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 37; Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls, physicist, 84; Miss Margaret Rawlings, actress, 85; Mr Nigel Rees, author, 47; Mr Tony Richardson, film and play director, 63; Viscount Rochdale, 85; Mr Richard Stone, portrait painter, 40; Sir Arthur Vick, former vice-chancellor, Queen's University of Belfast, 80; Dr L.L. Ware, founder, Mensa, 76; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, 55.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Adam Smith, political economist, Kirkcaldy, Fife, 1723; John Couch Adams, astronomer, Lidcot, Cornwall, 1819; John Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes, economist, Cambridge, 1883; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, Pinner, Middlesex, 1884; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, New York, 1887; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, Fuente Vaqueros, Spain, 1898.

DEATHS: Orlando Gibbons, musician, Canterbury, 1625; Carl von Weber, composer, London, 1826; Stephen Crane, writer, Badenweiler, Germany, 1900; O. Henry, pseudonym of William Sidney Porter, writer, New York, 1910; Herbert Kitchener, Earl Kitchener, field marshal, lost at sea on HMS Hampshire off Orkney, 1916; Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1921; W.T. Tilden, Wimbledon and US tennis champion, Hollywood, 1953.

The invention of the balloon by the Montgolfier brothers at Annonay, France, 1783. The beginning of the six-day war in the Middle East, 1967. Senator Robert Kennedy, US attorney-general, was shot by a Jordanian Arab in Los Angeles; he died the following day, 1968.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Adrian Thorp, Vicar, Sidda' (Wakefield): to be Vicar, St Gabriel, Bishopwearmouth (Durham).
The Rev Paul R Topham, Deputy Headmaster and Chaplain of St Paul's Preparatory School, Colet Court, London: to be Chaplain in Toulouse, France (Europe).
The Rev Canon John H Tyers, Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral and Warden of the Diocesan Retreat House, Pleshey (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Ash, Ightfield and Calverhall (Lichfield).
The Rev John A Wilkinson, Curate, Broadheath (Chester): to be Team Vicar, Christ the King, Worthing Team Ministry (Chichester).
The Rev Derek Winterburn, Curate, Hackney Marsh Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Hackney Marsh Team Ministry (London).

OBITUARIES

JIANG QING

Jiang Qing, widow of Mao Tse-tung and a former member of the politburo of the Chinese Communist party, committed suicide in her Peking residence on May 14 aged 77, according to a New China Newsagency report. She was born in 1914.

JIANG Qing was a woman of immense ambition who finally lost in her struggle for power in the turbulent life of revolutionary China. She aimed to win mass appeal but genuine admiration eluded her. She sought political authority but so used it as to antagonise all those on whom she depended for support.

As an actress in Shanghai in the 1930s; as an important political figure by virtue of her marriage to Mao Tse-tung; as leader of the group – later to be condemned as the "Gang of Four" – which wielded such power during the cultural revolution; as the reformer of Chinese drama in order to dress it in true revolutionary style and, in the last dramatic month after her husband's death in September 1976, as an aspirant for the Communist party chairmanship – in all these her ambition outran her judgment and her personal ability. Her subsequent trial showed her to be indomitable, dignified and convinced to the last of her own rectitude.

But the popular verdict went against her as did that of the judges. Politically she was a faithful follower of Mao but did not share his spartan tastes or his dedication to the revolutionary's simple life. She was exigent and luxury-loving, an enemy of Western culture while entranced by Hollywood films, and she was a woman who hankered after the world of fashion while appearing in the drab garments of political uniformity. Yet she could appear to outsiders as a woman of intense magnetism and charm. Nevertheless her vindictiveness made her many enemies in China once she began openly to pursue a political career.

Born Luan Shumeng in Shandong province, she was brought up by grandparents after her father's early death. A spell with a travelling troupe when she was 14 led to two years as a boarder at a drama academy. In Jinan, the provincial capital, she met and married a film critic with whom she went to Shanghai. But the marriage soon broke up and she lived for a time with a film director.

She went to Chongqing (Chungking), the nationalist capital, after the Japanese invasion and made a film there. In 1938 she abandoned the nationalist side for the communists, travelling to Yanan to sit at the feet of Mao Tse-tung and ask eager questions after his political lectures. He was equally attracted and soon they were living together. Mao's existing wife, He Zechen, was in Yanan but they had separated. Jiang nevertheless insisted on marriage. Mao's wife and colleagues opposed this but in the end acquiesced on the understanding that Jiang would have no political role.

Publicly Jiang made no appearance for many years, even after Mao promulgated the People's Republic of China in Beijing in 1949, and she became "first lady". She was active behind the scenes in support of Mao's view that literature and the arts should serve politics first and foremost. Thus she was directly involved in 1955 in the campaign against the writer Hu Feng, a one-time communist sympathiser who opposed the Maoist strait-jacket and demanded freedom for the creative artist.

When she did move back into her old world in Shanghai in 1963 cultural reform was again her objective, supported by a local party boss who was fiercely pro-Mao and hostile to the liberal wing of the party. The base which Jiang Qing built in Shanghai served in 1965 to launch the cultural revolution on its assault on the intellectual stronghold of Beijing. Jiang Qing now emerged quite openly into public life as deputy leader of Mao's personally-appointed cultural revolution group and as cultural adviser to the army which also became active in support of the cultural revolution. For a time she enjoyed a brief partnership with Lin Biao, the general whose ambitions were also pinned on Mao's victory in the mounting upheaval.

Together with her Shanghai colleagues, Zhang Qunqiao and Yao Wenyuan, Jiang Qing emerged as a member of a "shadow" politburo during the cultural revolution. The power this gave her enabled her to throw out of public life all the cultural figures with whom she had differed 30 years earlier in Shanghai. She ran her own private Red Guard groups and was able to pursue her own vendettas, not least by cruelly persecuting and maltreating Wang Kuangmei, wife of the president of the republic and Mao's one-time deputy, Liu Shaoqi, whom Jiang saw as her rival in public life.

At the ninth party congress in 1969 Jiang's new political status was duly confirmed. Thenceforward her role as leader of the political faction active in support of the continuing ideals of the cultural revolution rose as Mao declined in senility. They had ceased to live together as husband and wife by 1973 but continued to collaborate and make use of each other in the intensifying political struggles.

In the mid-1970s Jiang Qing's reformed drama held the stage in China. *Taking the Bandits' Stronghold*, *The Red Detachment of Women*, *The White Tiger Regiment* and a few other operas, plays or ballets, all dealing with warfare, in which spotless communist heroes vanquished evil, revisionist, bourgeois reactionaries, were attended by dragooned and usually bored audiences. These were the standard fare in place of the traditional historical and mythological subjects which were now rejected as being feudal.

The 10th party congress in 1973 brought Jiang to the pinnacle of power. Her protégé, Wang Hongwen, the labour leader from Shanghai, was promoted by Mao directly to a senior vice-chairmanship, making him third in the hierarchy after Mao himself and Premier Chou En-lai. Jiang Qing's "Gang of Four", which included Wang Hongwen, Zhang Qunqiao and Yao Wenyuan, now dominated the pro-Maoist cause and were able to attract many respectful followers (Hua Guofeng among them).

The death of Mao Tse-tung in September 1976 altered these fair prospects with startling suddenness. Any hopes of the party leadership were dashed when both Hua Guofeng, the new prime minister, and Wang Dongxing, commander of Mao's personal security unit, turned their backs on her only three weeks after her husband's death, in October 1976. With other members of the "Gang of Four" Jiang Qing was arrested and accused of treason. At her trial, which did not take place until 1980-81 she and the other members of the gang were blamed for the excesses of the cultural revolution. Jiang stoutly defended herself, repeating that she had merely followed Mao's orders as an obedient wife. At one point during the hearing she told her judges: "I was Chairman Mao's dog. If he said bite someone, I bit him." This forceful – though somewhat implausible – plea failed to convince the judges and she was condemned to death in January 1981.

Her sentence was commuted to one of life imprisonment in 1983 as Deng Xiaoping, by then the new power in China, had no wish to make a martyr of her. She remained in custody until 1984 since when she had been allowed to receive medical treatment and live at home.

She had one daughter, Li Na, by Mao and brought up another born to He Zechen – who was duly rehabilitated when Deng came to power in the 1980s.

SIR RONALD GARVEY

Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG, KCVO, MBE, former lieutenant-governor of the Isle of Man and governor of Fiji, died on May 31 aged 87. He was born on July 4, 1903.

RONALD Garvey spent most of his career in government service – including 17 of his last 21 years – administering islands ranging from the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides in the Pacific, to St Vincent in the Caribbean and finally the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. He was fortunate to join the Colonial Service in sufficient time to complete a career at the top before the empire dissolved and to move then to a post in Douglas, the capital of an island which, as a self-governing crown dependency, had marked similarities to those more remote outposts.

Garvey began his Colonial Service career in Fiji in 1926 and ended it there as governor in 1958. He was fond of describing the colony as the little England of the Pacific. On standing down he presented a gift to the islanders which symbolised Fiji's uniqueness – a bronze plaque marking the 180th meridian which passed through Taveuni, the most beautiful island of the group and denoting the fact that Fiji was exactly half way round the world from Greenwich and the place where, contrary to Kipling's famous words, east and west did meet and where Victorian travellers chose to put things right, a day being put forward if going west, and backward if going east.

Ronald Herbert Garvey was the son of Rev H. R. Garvey and Alice Lofthouse and was educated at Trent College and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He went straight into the Colonial Service. After a year in the Western Pacific High Commission office in Suva, Fiji, he was sent to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate in 1927, returning in 1932 to the WPHC office for an eight-year period, in which time he married (in 1934) Patricia McGusty.

Garvey was seconded to act for brief periods as resident commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony and as British resident commissioner, New Hebrides. In 1942 Garvey made the change which was, paradoxically, considered necessary for anyone seeking advancement in the Colonial Service, transferring to an entirely different part of the empire. In his case it was Nyasaland in central Africa where he was a district officer from 1942 to 1944. He then spent four years as administrator of St Vincent and acted as governor of the Windward Islands twice before becoming governor and commander-in-chief of British Honduras in 1948.

In 1952 he attained a very natural ambition by being appointed governor and commander-in-chief of Fiji. In this post he was also governor of the Pitcairn Islands, consul-general for the Western Pacific and senior commissioner for the United Kingdom on the South Pacific Commission. In 1958 he was ambassador plenipontentiary for Tonga.

Garvey was, from his earliest days in the service, very dress conscious and inclined to formality, wearing decorations with flamboyance. He placed emphasis on maintaining standards of appearance and office – although by the time of his appointment there were beginning to be signs of relaxation among the Fijians.

A fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, he maintained an interest in Pacific ethnology. After retirement from the Colonial Service at 53, it was a surprise, both in the Pacific and at home, that he should agree to take a step to the side (some said one down) to be lieutenant-governor of the Isle of Man. He held this post for seven years from 1959 to 1966 during which time the island's economic and industrial position markedly developed. Garvey became an ardent advocate of the islanders' enthusiasm to start a commercial radio station of their own similar in character to Radio Luxembourg.

In 1966 he took up a number of directorships, including that of the family sherry firm, and the secretaryship of the Soil Assocation operating from Stowmarket. In 1984 he privately published reminiscences entitled *Gentleman Pauper* and in 1988 *Happy Days in the Isle of Man*. His main recreation in his Pacific days was deep-sea fishing.

Memorial service

The Dowager Lady Willoughby de Broke

A memorial service for the Dowager Lady Willoughby de Broke was held yesterday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington. The Rev Ian Robson officiated.

Lord Willoughby de Broke, son, read the lesson and the Hon Mrs Rupert Lascelles, daughter, read from the works of John Donne. Lord Howard de Walden gave an address. Among those present were:

The Hon Peyto Verney (grandson), Mr Rupert Lascelles (son-in-law), the Hon Mrs Rollo, Mr and Mrs Denys Wrey, Lady Wrey, Mr Sherard Wrey, Mr Robie Uniacke, Mr Robie P M Uniacke.

Pamela Marchioness of Huntly, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marquess and Marchioness of Zetland, Earl and Countess Cadogan, the Earl of Derby, the Dowager Countess of Cromer, Countess Fitzwilliam, the Earl and Countess of Halifax, Viscount Leverhulme, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Plummer of St Marylebone, Mary Lady Balfour of Inchrye, Lady Howard de Walden, Lord Manton, Lady Helen Smith, Lady Margaret Fortescue, the Hon Mrs James Dawnay, the Hon Mrs Smyly, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Watson, the Hon Robert Corbett, Lady Becher, Sir Thomas and Lady Pilkington, Helen Lady Vincent, Sir Evelyn Broughton, Lady Findlay, Sir Edmund Compton, Lady Bowes-Lyon, Lady Villiers, Sir Piers and Lady Bengough, Sir Hugh and Lady Leggatt, Sir Arthur Collins, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Lady Pulbrook, Sir Stephen and the Hon Lady Hastings, Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald.

Mr and Mrs Vane Ivanovic, Mr Peter Walwyn, Mr Peter O'Sullevan, Mrs Harold Phillips, Mrs Thomas Hussey, Mrs Roderic More O'Ferrall, Mr and Mrs James Weatherby, Mrs James Carver, Miss V Rhodes, Mrs W Levitt, Mrs E Armstrong, Mrs Rowland Shand Kydd, Mr and Mrs John Henderson, Countess Esterhazy, Mr and Mrs Ian Cameron, Mrs J Uniacke, Mr Christopher Weatherby, Mrs Christopher Eugster, Mr James Macdonald-Buchanan, Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, Mrs Elisabeth Anwyl-Davies, Mrs B E Spicer, Mrs H van Cutsem and Mr Clifford Anderson (Partridge Fine Arts).

Dinner

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mrs Linda Stone, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Sir Mark Richmond, Chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council, was the guest speaker. The guests included:

Sir Colin Walker, Mrs Rosalind Hepplewhite, Mrs J S Felthouse, Professor D J Johns, Professor R Naylor, Dr S Ellis and Mr John Hannam, MP.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. Davies and Miss E. Roseblade
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs P. Davies, of Sardinia, and Eleanor, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.E. Roseblade, of Cambridge.

Captain N.J. Hyslop and Miss R.J. Kennerley
The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Hyslop, Royal Green Jackets, elder son of Major and Mrs John Hyslop, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Rosalind, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Kennerley, of The Old Vicarage, Stonegate, East Sussex.

Mr P.A. Nokes and Miss T.J. Appleton
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Alan Nokes, of Stokenham, Devon, and Tania, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Appleton, of Avon Dassett, Warwickshire.

Mr J.E.T. North and Miss S.L. Wheeler
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Mr Richard North and of Mrs Timothy Kimber, of Newton Hall, near Carnforth, Lancashire, and Sherri, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wheeler, of Hamilton, Texas.

Mr M.N. Orr and Miss V.L. Neill
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Orr, of Pyrton, Oxfordshire, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Neill, of Ridgeway, Derbyshire.

Mr J.J. Sanderson and Miss E.L. Sargent
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr John Sanderson, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and of Mrs Margaret Sanderson, of Bromley, Kent, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sargent, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Service dinners

TA Surveyors
The Duke of York was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Territorial Army Surveyors' Dining Club held last night at Armoury House. Major G.M. Neil presided.

RN Club of 1765 and 1785
Sir Derrick Holden-Brown was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark the Queen's birthday and the attack on Morbihan. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin presided.

Rifle Brigade
General Sir Richard Worsley presided at the annual dinner of the Rifle Brigade Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Colonel Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox was the guest of honour.

Merchant Taylors' School

The following entrance scholarships have been awarded by Merchant Taylors' School:

Major Scholarships
Gilbert Murray: Brent Richardson, St Martins, Moor Park.
Lord Hailey: Anthony Gourdin, S John's Northwood.
Sir James Jeans: Kengo Oshima, Northwood Preparatory (Terry's).
Morley: Richard Aston, Northwood Preparatory (Terry's).

Minor Scholarships
Andrews: Claude Schneider, Northwood Preparatory (Terry's); Phillip Mortimer, S John's Northwood: Daniel Grundy, York House: Nicholas Flenberg, S John's Northwood.
Malyn: Simon Boardley, Quainton Hall: Michael Noble, Alpha Preparatory: David Pinching, Quainton Hall School.
Music Scholarships: Martin Brown, St Martins: Christopher Morley, Quainton Hall.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir Richard Barratt to be a member of the Gaming Board from July 1, in succession to Mr Patrick Kavanagh.

University news

Oxford
Prizes
Chancellor's Prize for Latin Prose 1991: Deborah Rooke, Regent's Park College; honourably mentioned: Francis Garcia, Merton College. Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse 1991: no award.
Violet Vaughan Morgan prizes 1991: Isabella Clarke, St John's College; Alexander Hildyard, Lady Margaret Hall; Matthew Macer-Wright, Lincoln College; Sarah Rutherford, Merton College; Matthew Steggle, Trinity College; Damian Davies, St John's College; Michael Watts, St Hugh's College.

Cambridge
Dr J. R. Crawford, professor of international law at Sydney University, has been elected to the Whewell professorship of international law at Cambridge. He takes up his new chair next April.
Professor A. B. Atkinson, of the London School of Economics, is to be professor of political economy at Cambridge from October 1992.
Dr Tom ap Rees, lecturer in botany and a member of Gonville and Caius College, has been elected to the university's professorship of botany.

Wales
Professor Keith Robbins, historian and head of the department of history at Glasgow University, has been appointed Principal of St David's University College, Lampeter. He will succeed Lord Morris of Castle Morris, who leaves office on December 31.

Promotions
Dr G. T. Williams, reader, has been promoted to a personal chair in pathology, from June 1.
Dr G. A. Williams, senior lecturer in the department of Welsh language, has been promoted to reader.

St Mary's School, Ascot

A Sixth Form Bursary for a daughter of a St Mary's Old Girl is being awarded in September 1992. Any Old Girl who would like to apply for a Sixth Form place for her daughter for 1992 is asked to contact the Admissions Secretary, St Mary's School, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 9JF (0344-27788) for further details.

Marriages

Mr I.D. Devlin and Miss G.M. Ward
The marriage was celebrated on Saturday, May 25, 1991, at St Peter's Church, Barnburgh, of Mr Ian David Devlin, son of Mr and Mrs J. Devlin, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, to Miss Gillian Margaret Ward, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Ward, of Barnburgh, Yorkshire.

The Rural Dean, the Rev J.W.A. Woods, officiated at the service. The bride was assisted by Miss J. Hemmings and Miss J. Lomas. Mr N. Cull was best man and the ushers were Mr N.D. Ward and Mr A. Grace.

The reception was held in Barnburgh and the honeymoon is being spent in North America.

Mr D.J. Isted and Miss D. Smith
The marriage took place on June 1, at St Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex, of Mr Daniel James Isted, younger son of Mr and Mrs Barry Isted, of Pinnacles, Hatfield Broad Oak, and Miss Deirdre Smith, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Smith, of Great Meadow, Warndon, Worcester. The Rev David Hodgson officiated.

The bride was attended by Mrs Glyn Barker and Miss Kate Rutherford. Mr Jonathan Isted was best man.

A reception was held at the Whitehall Hotel, Broxted, and the honeymoon is being spent in Wales and abroad.

Mr D.F. Radley and Miss R.E. Thompson
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 1, at St Andrew's, Totteridge, of Mr David Radley, son of Mr and Mrs K. Radley, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, to Miss Rosalind Thompson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Thompson, of Totteridge, London. Canon John Knowles-Brown officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Katie, Nicola and Victoria Thompson, Caroline Mash, Charlotte Baxendale and Ruth Higgins. Mr Jameel Rahmaan was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Cranfield Institute of Technology

The honorary degree of doctor of science are to be conferred on the following:

Dr D. E. Broadbent, department of experimental psychology, Oxford University; Sir Graham Day, chairman, Rover Group; Mr A. K. Gill, chairman, Lucas Industries; Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, chairman, Joint Committee of the Councils for Nature Conservation; Mr F. R. Hurn, chief executive, Smiths Industries; Dr F. Kerdel-Vegas, the Venezuelan Ambassador; the Earl of Selborne, former chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council; Mr F. A. Shrontz, Chairman and Chief Executive, Boeing.

Salters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.R.D. Scriven; Upper Warden, the Ven F.V. Weston; Second Warden, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM.

Bible service

Cambridge University Press, believed to be the oldest printer and publisher of the Bible in the world, is celebrating 400 years of Bible publishing with a service at Great St Mary's, the university church, on June 14.

It published the Geneva Bible in 1591, 20 years before the King James version. To mark the occasion its Bibles are being taken to booksellers round the country and the company is issuing a facsimile edition of the Geneva Bible.

Lord Runcie, the new High Steward of Cambridge University, will be presiding at the service.

The Royal Geographical Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society took place on June 3. Sir Crispin Tickell gave the presidential address. It was followed by the presentation of the Society's Awards for 1991.

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when they bring you to trial, do not worry about what you are going to say or how you will say it: when the time comes, you will be given what you are to say. St. Matthew 10:19 GNB

BIRTHS

BRIDGEMAN - On June 2nd, to Nicola (née Sales) and Charles, a son, a brother to James and Robert.

BRIGNALL - On June 1st, in Arequipa, to Clare (née Gibbs) and Simon, a son.

BRITO - On June 1st, at the Hutt Hospital, Wellington, to Jayme and Adriana, a daughter, Renata.

COHEN - On June 3rd, to Sharon Harel and Ronald Cohen, a son, Jonathan Michael Harel-Cohen, a brother to Tamara.

DOWDING - On June 3rd 1991, at Yeovil Hospital, to Vanessa and Oliver, a daughter, Eleanor Rachel Lilian, weighing 8lbs 5oz.

HUYBRECHTS - On June 3rd, to Ann (née Kirby) and Yannick, a son, James Andrew, a brother for Matthew Thomas.

IMBERT - On May 31st, to Jane (née Skilton) and Simon, a son, William Peter, a brother for Thomas.

LARANJO - On May 28th 1991, to Camilla (née Aziz) and José, a son, Frederick James, a brother for Jack, Thomas and Anthony.

MARSHALL - On June 2nd, to Helen (née Schorah) and Craig, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Alice.

MAY - On June 1st, at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to Frances (née Sheppard) and William, a son, William, a brother to Jessica and Susannah.

PENNINGTON - On May 31st, to Fiona (née McLure) and Chris, a daughter, Harriet Anna, a sister for James.

PROBY - On June 3rd 1991, to Merry and William, a daughter, Isobel.

RIKLIN - On May 30th, at The Portland Hospital, to Cornel and Susie, a daughter, Katherine Anne.

RUSSELL - On June 2nd, to Tessa (née Chick) and Jeremy, a daughter, Alice.

SAPORTA - On May 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jasna and Albert, a great son of almost 4 kg, Harry.

TAYLOR - On May 30th, to Sarah (née Barratt) and Paul, a son, George Anthony Erskine.

THOMAS - On May 24th, to Sue (née Theobald) and Christopher, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Grace.

TULLO - On May 31st, to Carol and Robin, a son, Luke Edward Swanzy, brother for Alice.

WALKER - On June 2nd 1991, at 1.20 pm, to Hazel and Guy, a son, Alexander George.

WHITMEE - On May 26th, to Debbie and James, a son, Charles Piers Hector.

DEATHS

BAKER - On June 2nd, peacefully at St Michaels, Tenterden, Kathleen Gladys Lisle, formerly of Rolvenden, Kent. Funeral Service Rolvenden Parish Church on Friday June 14th at 12.30 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to the R.N.L.I. c/o T.W. Fuggle and Son, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QU.

CODY - On June 2nd, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Wing Cdr. (retired) John Pierce, beloved husband and lifes' companion of Tess. Funeral Service to be held on Friday June 7th at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Any enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., tel: (0732) 454457.

CONNELL - On June 1st 1991, in hospital, Joan, aged 80 years, widow of Rex Connell, of Kingsland, Shrewsbury. Funeral service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Wednesday June 12th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations would be appreciated for the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: Shrewsbury (0743) 344646.

DORAN - On May 30th 1991, suddenly at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Monsignor Wilfrid Doran. Requiem Mass at St Aloysius Church, Oxford, Thursday June 6th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Age Concern.

DAY - On Saturday May 25th 1991, suddenly but peacefully at the General Hospital, Jersey, Eric Charles Lieutenant Commander, M.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., REAN, Retired. Dearly beloved husband of Betty. Will be sadly missed by Betty and all his relatives and many friends in Jersey, the U.K and abroad. The funeral service will be held at St Helier Parish Church, Jersey, on Friday June 7th 1991 at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please and donations in his memory may be sent to The St Helier Parish Church Fund c/o the Hon. Treasurer D.W. Taylor, St Helier Parish Church, Church House, St Helier, Jersey. Enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors 0534 33330.

EDGE - On June 1st, Kathleen Edith, widow of Stephen Rathbone Holden, mother of Edward, David and Stephanie and grandmother of Aran, Alastair, Gordon, Christopher, Andrew, Peter and Elizabeth. Cremation at Lewisham Crematorium on Monday June 10th at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

FRIPP - On October 23rd 1989, tragically at Lake Tahoe in the USA, James (Jim), loved younger son of John and the late Niki Fripp and elder brother of Nic. Funeral St Clement, Sandwich, June 10th 1991 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, all donations to Friends of Guys Hospital please. Enquiries to Bretts Funeral Service, tel: (0304) 612058.

GERMANUS-SUBHIYYAH - On Saturday June 1st, suddenly and peacefully in Ain-Saadeh near Brummanah, Mary Nagib Germanus (née Subhiyyah) formerly of Souk-el-Gharb, Lebanon, beloved mother of Fawzi, Ramzi and Munir. Condolences at 48 Duchess of Bedford House, Duchess of Bedford's Walk, London W8 on Sunday June 9th.

HARRIS - On June 2nd 1991, Grace Harris, aged 87, widow of John Wyndham Harris, of Oakridge, Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire. Cremation service at Guildford Crematorium, 2.30 pm, Monday June 10th. Family flowers to Petersfield Funeral Services, Petersfield, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire. Donations to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

HART - On June 3rd 1991, at University College Hospital, Joan Ellen D'Arcy Hart, aged 86, elder daughter of the Hon. Ethel and Henry D'Arcy Hart. Cremation private.

LANGLEY - On May 31st 1991, aged 78 years, peacefully at home, Roland Edward, M.B.E., of Sutton Coldfield. Dearly beloved husband of Ella, much loved father of Priscilla, Alison and Fiona, a much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at St John's Parish Church, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, on Monday June 10th at 12.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St John's Church Building Fund or The Sue Ryder Foundation, c/o Ian Hazel Funerals, 5 Belwell Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. B74 4AA.

LYNAM - On May 31st 1991 suddenly at home Major (retired) William Martyn aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Brenda, dearly loved father of Jeremy and Robin and grandfather to Edward and Patrick. The funeral will take place at 2.30pm on June 10th 1991 at The Garrison Church, Chatham, followed by burial at the Military Cemetary, City Way, Rochester. Family flowers only, but if desired donations in his memory can be made to the Royal Marsden Cancer Relief Fund, Fulham Road, London SW7.

MINET - On June 2nd 1991, peacefully, Marion Anne (Molly) aged 91 years. Widow of John Hughes Minet. Funeral Service at St John's, Ladbroke Grove, W11, on Friday June 7th at 9.45 am, then to West London Crematorium. Enq: John Nodes Funeral Services (081) 969-1819.

MUSSEN - On June 1st, peacefully at home, Mary Katherine Annie Mussen, dearly loved wife of the late Paul and mother of Robin, Lavender, Sarah and James. Funeral at St Margaret's, Ditchling, on Thursday June 6th at 3 pm. Flowers to Frank Davey & Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint.

MASON - On June 3rd, Reginald, past President of the Royal Photographic Society and the Institute of Incorporated Photographers, formerly Editor of Amateur Photographer. Well loved husband of Joan and father of Sarah. Cremation at Parndon Wood, Harlow, Essex, at 10.30 am Monday June 10th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Francis Hospice, Havering-atte-Bower, RM4 1QH. Enquiries to (0378) 73176.

RAWLINS - On June 4th, Jack, much missed by all his friends and family. Cremation private.

ROBINSON - On June 3rd 1991, in hospital, Robert Douglas Robinson, dearly loved husband of Muriel and loving father of Reid and dear "R.D." to the rest of the family. Thanksgiving Service in Peebles Evangelical Church on Saturday June 8th at 10.30 am, thereafter to Peebles Cemetery, Neidpath Road Gate at 11am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Gideons International, George Street, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 4EE. "In thy presence is fulness of joy" Ps 16.11.

SAMUEL-GIBBON - On June 3rd, his 84th birthday, at home, John Rhys Collwyn Samuel-Gibbon T.D., of Trecastle, Glamorgan and Compton Martin. Son of George Archer Hilleary Samuel, husband of Veronica, father of Dilys, Ian and Andrew. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's, Compton Martin, on Thursday June 6th at 2 pm. Committal of ashes at St Illtud's, Llanharry, at 11 am Friday June 7th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Red Cross Society c/o Michael W. Rowe Funeral Director, Chew Magna, Avon. tel: (0272) 332665.

SAUNDERS-DAVIES - On May 24th 1991, Nicholas Owen Springer Saunders-Davies, (B.A. Oxon), H.M. Diplomatic Service, tragically abroad, aged 30 years, dearly beloved son of Olivia and David and brother of Rhiannon. Funeral Service at Trumpington Parish Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday June 11th at 12 noon, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent or, if preferred, donations made to H. Williams Funeral Service, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge, for a charity the family will specify.

SCHICK - On May 31st, peacefully, Paul Eric, beloved husband of the late Emily Louisa and much loved father of Stephen and Caroline. Funeral, Monday June 10th at Beckenham Crematorium at 1 pm. Family flowers only.

SCHLAPP - On May 31st, in Ashford, Kent, Robert Schlapp M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., aged 91 years. Loved and loving father of Kay and Jan. Funeral private.

SCOTT-HUGHES - On June 1st, peacefully in hospital, Aline Henrietta Scott-Hughes of Seaview, Isle of Wight. Funeral Service on Friday June 7th at St Peter's Church, Seaview at 2.30 pm. Flowers to H.V. Taylor & Son Ltd., 45 Green Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SERPELL - On June 3rd, peacefully at home, Christopher Harold, OBE, aged 80 years. Beloved father of Anne, Camilla, Francesca and James, much loved grandfather, and devoted friend of Angie. Funeral at The Mortlake Crematorium, Town Mead Road, Richmond, at 2 pm Monday June 17th. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to NSPCC.

TANNER - On June 3rd, after a long illness gallantly borne, Joan, beloved wife of Geoffrey for 60 years. Much loved mother and grandmother of Julie, Jennie, Timothy, Jonathan, Nicholas and Simon. After private cremation, a Thanksgiving Service at Steeple Langford at 3.30 pm on Friday June 7th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Mary's Hospital Renal Unit, Portsmouth.

WARE - On June 1st, unexpectedly of a stroke, Bernard James, aged 74, dearest husband of Beryl, beloved father of Jane and David, Susan, Gillian, Helen and Patrick and a much loved grandfather. Flowers or donations for Imperial Cancer Research Fund to Freeman Bros., 9 North Parade, Horsham.

WALSH - On June 2nd 1991, peacefully at home after a short illness, Sqn. Ldr. William John (BISH) Walsh, M.B.E., R.A.F. (Ret'd). Beloved husband of Jean, dearly loved father of Joanna, James and Julia and devoted grandfather to Jessica and Juliette. Funeral Service at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge, on Monday June 17th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent to H.J. Paintin Ltd, Funeral Directors, 45 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS. (Tel: 0223-891226).

WATSON - On June 3rd, in Taunton, James Robert Sutherland, aged 79, husband of the late Jean, father of William, Hamish and David. Cremation at Taunton at 9.30 am Friday June 7th. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOARE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Malcolm Vincent Hoare will be held at 5 pm on Monday June 24th 1991 in St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street, London EC4.

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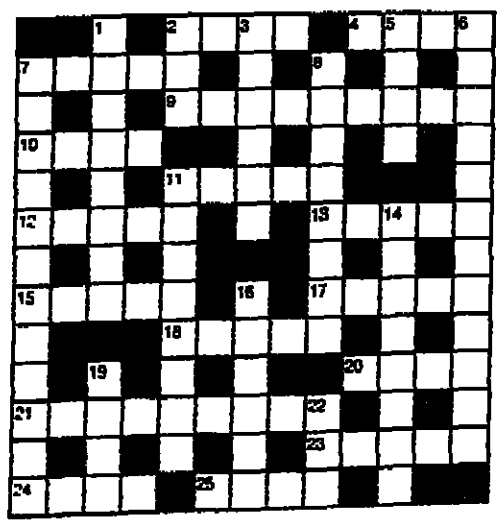

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Notice of appointment
of Liquidator
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(Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of
the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1749077. Name of company: Bulk Transport Shipping Ltd. Previous name of company: Wardship Ltd. Nature of business: Ship Management Services. Type of Liquidation: Members. Address of registered office: PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Liquidators name and address: Martin Fishman, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Office holder no: 6470. Date of appointment: 21 May 1991. By whom appointed: Members.
M. Fishman, Liquidator
Date: 29 May 1991.

Notice of appointment
of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of
the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2247457. Name of company: Guardian Press (London) Ltd. Nature of business: Printers. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 182-196 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LQ. Office Holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 15 May 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors.
R.A. Segal, Liquidator
Date: 24 May 1991

In the matter of:
BULK TRANSPORT SHIPPING LTD
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 1749077
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On 21 May 1991 the above named company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation when Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen & Co., P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address, by 26 July 1991.

The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 26 August 1991 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 26 July 1991 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated: 28 May 1991.
M. Fishman, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
ALAN NEWMAN LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 9th day of July 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 28th day of May 1991
K.D. GOODMAN, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER of
ALAN NEWMAN LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 28th May 1991.
Dated this 29th day of May, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

CARBS INTERNATIONAL MARKETING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, Brazennose House, Lincoln Square, Manchester, M2 5BL on 28th of June 1991 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, Brazennose House, Lincoln Square, Manchester, M2 5BL, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on two business days preceding the meeting.
DATED 28th day of June 1991
By order of the Board
P T DANIEL
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

CONSILIUM LTD
Registered number: 2329613. Former company name: Grasslake Ltd. Trading name: Feltningham Hall. Nature of business: Hoteliers. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Stockholm Finance Ltd.
Shirley Jackson and David Sapte, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no's: 5383 and 5248) of Begbie Norton and Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ.

HEIM GALLERY
(LONDON) LIMITED
Registered number: 2030345. Former company name: None. Trading name: Heim Gallery (London) Limited. Nature of business: Fine Art Dealers. Trade classification: Division 4, (22). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28/5/91. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC.
P.J. Yeldon AND P.G. Mills, Joint Administrative Receivers (Office Holder Nos. 7283 and 7948). Address: No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

Notice Pursuant to Rule 4.106
of the Insolvency Rules 1986
RE: CORPORATE BROKING SERVICES LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

Take notice that we, Christopher Guy Adams of C G Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD and Anthony Peter Supperstone of Stoy Hayward were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 22 May 1991.

All debts and claims should be sent to Anthony Peter Supperstone, Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA.
C.G. ADAMS
A.P. SUPPERSTONE
Date: 28th May 1991

Notice of appointment of
liquidator
voluntary winding up
(Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of the
Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 795723. Name of company: W.G.B. White (Keysley) Limited. Nature of business: Farming. Type of Liquidation: Members. Address of registered office: 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS. Liquidators name and address: Peter James Yeldon, 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS. Office holder number: 7283. Date of appointment: 1st March, 1991. By whom appointed: the members.
Peter J. Yeldon, Liquidator
Date: 20 March 1991

Notice of Appointment
of Administrative Receivers
CHANDOS LAND LIMITED
Registered Number: 1766177. Notice is hereby given that we William Morys Roberts and Nigel James Hamilton of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above Company on 23rd May 1991 by English Trust Limited.
24th May 1991
W.M. Roberts & N.J. Hamilton
Joint Administrative Receivers

Number of Company: 795723
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
SPECIAL RESOLUTION
(Pursuant to Sections 378 (2) of the Companies Act 1985)
OF
W G B WHITE
(KEYSLEY) LIMITED
Passed 1st March 1991

At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at Thanes Farm, Motcombe, Shaftesbury the 1st day of March 1991 the subjoined SPECIAL RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:-

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that PETER JAMES YELDON of Smith & Williamson, No. 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."
WILLIAM JAMES WHITE
Chairman

SCHWARTZ SACKIN & CO LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH, on the 14th day of June 1991 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.

A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:

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(b) there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

J R HILL
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at the offices of Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS on Tuesday the 18 day of June 1991, at 10.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section (98)(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Companies affairs is Melvyn L. Rose FCA FCCA, of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS.
Dated this 29 day of May 1991
By Order of the Board
M. PATEMAN
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A REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

The first Test match between England and West Indies ended in a draw at Edgbaston yesterday after pursuing an extraordinary course. Had England won, as they desperately nearly did, it would have come to be known as one of the most remarkable matches ever played. As it was they were baulked by three wickets after West Indies, left in mid-afternoon to make 296 to win in 160 minutes, had staggered to 72 for 7 on a pitch frayed by constant wear.

Above all, this strange game will be remembered for the remorseless partnership between May and Cowdrey which snatched England from the very jaws of defeat. It seemed hardly conceivable that anything could happen to dwarf Ramadhin's devastating bowling on Thursday. And when West Indies followed with an innings of 474 the match, to all intents and purposes, was over.

In the long story of Test cricket there have been only two larger partnerships than that of 411 which May and Cowdrey now shared. But never before has there been such a stand at such a dire time. On and on the two Englishmen went, calm and cultured in all they did until at the last they were doing much as they pleased. Misfortune placed its hand firmly on West Indies when it robbed them of their two opening bowlers, Gilchrist and Worrell. But Ramadhin still had to be denied for 76 overs, and nothing can detract from the performance of May and Cowdrey. It was wonderful in every sense.

One felt sorry for the West Indies as May and Cowdrey piled on the agony before and after luncheon. Batting records came tumbling over each other, the play produced a catalogue of figures and West Indies looked increasingly disconsolate as Surrey and Kent, Charterhouse and Tonbridge, Cambridge and Oxford sprayed the field with the loveliest strokes. Just before noon May became the fourth Englishman to score a double hundred in a Test match since the war, and soon afterwards the scoreboard showed 400.

Cowdrey reached his third century at five past one after batting for seven and a quarter hours, and a West Indian supporter in an Anthony Eden hat rose in his anguish announcing in stentorian tones, and with a sense of fun, that he could stand it no more. Now the magician Ramadhin had lost his magic. The spring had gone out of his run, the poison had left his fingers, nor was he quite so mechanically accurate, and small wonder, for already he had bowled more overs than any man before him in an innings in a Test match.

May's innings, of course, was one of superlatives and England's recovery will always have a place in history. As for their total it was the highest ever made in a match between the two countries here in England. And May's own score of 285 not out — his highest in first-class cricket, and the best ever score by an England Test captain — has been exceeded only eight times in Test cricket. As he left the field the whole crowd rose to him and he was cheered out of sight. A moment later Smith, with a broad grin on his face, bowed his way in as his side's only wicket-taker of the day. And the steel calypso band cheerfully struck up to encourage the West Indies in the task that lay ahead of them.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

LE COP 2 (12): Philippe Noiret and a vivid Parisian setting lend some charm to the further adventures of two rogue cops. Director, Claude Zidi.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ GRAVEYARD SHIFT (18): Ludicrous tale of rats, nasty humans and a shadowy monster in a textile mill, with a low-voltage cast. Based on a Stephen King story. Director: Ralph S. Singleton.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

SIBLING RIVALRY (15): Strained domestic farce from director Carl Reiner with the odd pleasing moment. Kirstie Alley, Bill Pullman.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. Carmen Maura, Andres Pajares.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (a good impersonation from Val Kilmer).
Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15): Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ L.A. STORY (15): Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

LIFE IS CHEAP . . . BUT TOILET PAPER IS EXPENSIVE: Wayne Wang's whirlwind tour through the madness of Hong Kong: part documentary, part send-up. Rude, beautiful, witty.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

◆ MERMAIDS (15): Synthetic comedy of family life. Winona Ryder appeals; preening Cher grates on the nerves. Director, Richard Benjamin.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NIGHT SUN (12): Tolstoy's *Father Sergius* adapted by the Taviani Brothers. A modest performance by Julian Sands as the monk struggling with earthly sins, but the images glow.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ ROBIN HOOD (PG): Silly re-hash of the outlaw legend; visually drab, though Patrick Bergin's hero is pleasant enough. Uma Thurman, Jurgen Prochnow; director, John Irvin.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez.
Metro (071-437 0757).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

WHITE FANG (PG): Tame Disney version of Jack London's novel about a boy and his wolf-dog in the Klondike. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ WHITE PALACE (18): Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ BLACK SNOW: Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. 145mins.

■ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☐ ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA: Talawa Theatre's touring production: patchy but powerful in places.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC2 (071-387 9629). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm. 160mins.

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ THE GOOD SOLDIER: Strikingly inventive staging of Ford Madox Ford's novel of marital betrayal.
Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and David Yip return.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW — LAVISHLY RE-MOUNTED: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. 135mins.

☐ THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN: Sexual thuggery in Seville: handsome but unfocused version.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. 165mins.

☐ A LONG WAY FROM HOME: Rambling but likeable play touching on the changing fortunes of a black club in Fifties Soho.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: The comedy fares better than the romance. Pretty setting.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, Inner Circle, London NW1 (071-486 2431). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam, Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican (as above). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 195mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS: Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack stand out in Sam Mendes' otherwise disappointing production.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2pm. 170mins.

☐ RE: JOYCE!: Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins. Final week.

☐ SAME OLD MOON: Irish girl discovers sex, literature and paternal love in over-familiar tale.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 105mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

BARBARA BONNEY: The internationally renowned American soprano gives a recital of songs by Berg, Mendelssohn, Grieg, Hugo Wolf, Zemlinsky and Richard Strauss, accompanied by pianist Geoffrey Parsons.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: To mark the centenary of choreographer Bronislava Nijinska, the company revives two of her masterpieces: *Les Biches*, a satirical look at fashionable society, and *Les Noces*, a spiritual exploration of a Russian wedding scene; Darcey Bussell, Irek Mukhamedov and Viviana Durante make their debuts in *Les Biches*. Ashton's *Scènes de ballet*, with Lesley Collier and Bruce Sansom, completes the billing.
Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 6pm.

ROYAL ACADEMY PRIZEWINNERS' CONCERT: Recent prizewinners, clarinettist John Bradbury and pianist Peter Selwyn, show off their talent in Bernstein's Sonata for clarinet and piano, and the first performance of Paul Patterson's *Altercations* for clarinet and piano. The Kreutzer String Quartet joins in for the remainder of the programme.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS: The Players are joined by the BBC Singers and pianist Hugh Tinney for Mozart's Symphony No 34; Piano Concerto in B flat, K595; and Vespers, K339.
Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (081-688 9291), 8pm.

ALISON MOYET: *Hoodoo*, Moyet's latest album, shows off the many facets of an exceptional voice. Final dates of her London tour.
Town & Country Club, Highgate Road, NW5 (071-284 0303), today, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE PHILHARMONIA: The young Japanese pianist Noriko Ogawa makes her Festival Hall debut with the orchestra, performing Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto; followed by the Philharmonia Chorus and soloists. Cathryn Pope, Ethan Robinson, Justin Lavender and Roderick Earle in Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Leonard Slatkin conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

EDOUARD VUILLARD: Most exquisite among the French artists who emerged in the wake of the Impressionists, Vuillard depicted intimate domestic scenes in a succession of decorative interiors. He also loved the theatre, and some of the early pictures of performers and patrons are almost up to Lautrec's. A dazzling display.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davis Street, London W1 (071-493 2630), 10am-5.30pm, until June 28.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: *Slippage*, William Tuckett's first piece for a company outside the Royal Ballet confines, abandons classical ballet in favour of loose, undulating torsos, free shapes and a slippery liquescent texture. On a bill with Ashton's latest work *Roughcut*, and Siobhan Davies's *Plainsong*.
Bristol Old Vic, Theatre Royal, King Street, Bristol (0272 250250), 7.30pm.

WOMACK & WOMACK: The American soul-balladeers begin a 12-date British tour touting a new album, *Family Spirit*.
Hexagon, Queen's Drive, Reading (0734 390390), 7.30pm

SALOMÉ: Andre Engel's acclaimed staging of the Strauss opera is revived by Welsh National Opera, with Stephanie Sundine as the cold-hearted princess, a role she created in the original 1988 production. Philip Joll plays Jokanaan and Neil Jenkins is Herod. Tadeaki Otaka conducts. First night.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.15pm.

Moderate fun, no strings

THEATRE

Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation
Mermaid

JUST in front of me there sat the leader of one of our most prominent political parties, wearing his spangled tiger-suit and "Vote Raving Loony" badges. Down the row to my left there were some androgynous people in light-blue tunics and hats shaped like paper boats. They looked as if they could not decide whether they were hamburger salesmen or airline hostesses; but, as it turned out, they were television fans, paying their visual homage to a once-famous programme. Clearly, at least some of the audience were primed for an evening of folly and nostalgia.

That is precisely what *Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation* proceeds to deliver. Andrew Dawson and Gavin Robertson's production spends 100 minutes amiably if aimlessly spoofing the all-action puppet show that first hit our screens 25 years ago. This it does with just two performers, Paul Kent and Wayne Forester. They scurry across the bare stage in the same blue tunics that embellish the stalls, but with model rocket-planes attached to their skulls.

They change wigs and costumes in a series of twinklings from a bespectacled boffin called Brains to a golf-playing President of the USA, or from the villainous Mr X to Lady Penelope Creighton-Ward, the Sloane sleuth. There is skill and humour in the way they mime everything from collapsing bridges to exploding champagne bottles.

The story involves the invasion of Earth by the Mysterons. These creatures prowl the backcloth disguised as circles of light, like malignant versions of Tinkerbell, in ultimate pursuit of the US President. His story is not always easy to follow; but his security arrangements are evidently less than ideal. Having fallen off the bridge he has just opened, he is captured by a submarine, incarcerated in a tomb behind five layers of steel, and then saved from asphyxiation, starvation or both by one of our puppet heroes.

These provide the evening's best joke. They move in a sort of prancing trudge, their heads wobbling, their faces stuck in a dopey smirk, their hands held up by invisible strings. Being rescued by one of them is like being rescued by some futuristic Noddy. I laughed, and so, I observed, did Screaming Lord Sutch. For him, the show must at least have made a change from losing his deposit at yet another by-election.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The very model of a Sixties puppet-hero: Paul Kent in *Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation*

THEATRE

The Roman Actor
Tabard, Turnham Green

BECAUSE even the lesser plays of Shakespeare glitter with images and nifty turns of phrase, it is always a shock to discover how little there can be in the lesser work of his contemporaries.

This one by Philip Massinger, receiving its first professional production since 1722, is not quite as hopeless as the worst of them. Not quite. It may even be that sturdier performances than those in Kenneth McClellan's production for Sharers & Hirelings Company would reveal genuine tension in the tussles of love between the three main characters.

Paris, the eponymous hero, is Rome's greatest actor, beloved by plebs and emperor alike. Domitia, the upstart empress, encourages him to make a pass at her which the emperor Domitian, cannot pardon. To make the punishment fit the crime, Paris is ordered to play a guilty lover in a play within the play; Domitian then takes the role of the vengeful husband and stabs him, then weeps a lot while watching him die.

This might be meaty stuff if done with conviction, but is thin gruel when Paris is played by an actor, James Menzies-Kitchin, with the meek and mild demeanour of a gentle Jesus. His speeches in defence of theatre have kept the play's name more or less alive, but they pass for little in this production, delivered before a cluster of motionless senators, holding on to their togas as if counting the centuries before the invention of Velcro.

Nadia Cameron's performance as Domitia falls painfully short of what is needed to suggest a scheming wanton. Her arms hang down as though she had borrowed them for the occasion, but forgotten to ask how they work.

Grinning like a maniac, George Savvides (Domitian) makes a plucky attempt at showing the art-lover within the tyrant; he manages to sound truly upset as he puts an end to Paris, though the fellow's departure from the play did not bother me. However, slurred delivery and a heavy accent are serious imperial impediments. Much of the supporting acting gives poor support, thought not Estelle Collins' imperial concubine, nor Alan Rawlings' stoic senator, bringing intelligence to the briefest line and expiring in the torture chamber all too soon.

JEREMY KINGSTON

RECITAL

John Harle/John Lenehan
Purcell Room

JOHN Harle's biography, as printed on the shopping-list of a programme for the first of his three South Bank performances this month, claimed that he has the "unique ability to stay on the cutting edge of musical style and innovation". He is, by any standards, a superb saxophone player, but where, really, is that cutting edge?

In this wide ranging programme, given with his excellent pianist John Lenehan, there was little evidence of work that dared to experiment or to be particularly bold, comparatively recent though it all was. Harle actually seems to cultivate a position firmly in midstream, aiming to be all things to all ears and offending nobody. The other concerts (his own Saxophone Mass, which promises arrangements of "early" music, and a Duke Ellington evening) may bring surprises.

Meanwhile, he elicited the affections of the trendies among this audience with Michael Nyman's *Shaping the Curve*, a work which does no more than what one expects a Michael Nyman piece to do, soullessly setting up and interrupting catchy ostinatos. There was also Dave Heath's *Out of the Cool*, an eloquently bluesy number that the ubiquitous Nigel Kennedy also apparently plays on the violin, and Chick Corea's *Children's Songs*, a drier, sharper kind of jazz.

Boffins of serious music were appeased with Richard Rodney Bennett's typically fluent, busy, lyrical but ultimately unprepossessing Sonata, written for Harle and Lenehan in 1986. There was also Dominic Muldowney's *In a Hall of Mirrors*: five minutes' worth of intensely expressive variation, again composed specifically for these players. Its structure is based upon that of Stravinsky's *Aldous Huxley In Memoriam* variations.

Muldowney's piece offered at last the sound of an original voice, and so, for its time and place, did Edison Denisov's Sonata of 1970: punchy, jazzy, outrageously bold in its colours and positively reckless in its thrust.

Lenehan broke the programme up with a couple of spare, poetic pieces for solo piano by Arvo Pärt, *For Elena* and *Variations for Arinuschka's Recovery*, and, in the second half, with Wolfgang Rihm's *Ländler*, over whose ghostly Viennese references he was, however, curiously unable to cast a sufficiently mysterious shroud.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Brigitte Fassbaender: fearless

RECITAL

Brigitte Fassbaender
Wigmore Hall

ADRENALIN was flowing fast at Brigitte Fassbaender's recital on Saturday. So much so, in fact, that after a mere half-hour-long first half, the listener was fairly exhausted, having been compelled into back-seat driving by the sheer excitement of it all.

A stubborn virus had forced Fassbaender to cancel her last three Wigmore recitals. Doubtless keenly aware of the burden of expectation, and perhaps still unsure quite how the voice would behave, she launched herself head on into "Auf dem Wasser zu singen", the first song in her all-Schubert programme.

A lesser artist, a lesser character, indeed, might have artfully smuggled the voice on board, minimising risk and guarding against self-revelation on the way. Fassbaender, though, encouraged by the ever-alert empathy of Graham Johnson's piano accompaniment, seemed fearless. As a result, the full mezzo-soprano ballast came into play for Schubert's boat-song, yet everywhere the sound was quickened and dappled by the velocity of the voice.

This first half lived in the element of water, yet this was no random collection of Schubert's boat and fisher-songs. Fassbaender's programming pointed to a strength of emotional ebb and flow of which the best recitals are made. From the reflective "Am See", she muscled into "Der Schiffer", rhythmically taut in its elation, and seemed fortified then to sink back into dreaming and philosophising on the Danube and the Dioscuri stars.

There were still moments when the agreement between mind and larynx was not entirely unanimous. But even here, Fassbaender was unabashed. Determining to risk all, she would pare down every flicker of vibrato for Goethe's calm sea, and push "Die Forelle" into the mould of a miniature psycho-drama.

Her daring invariably paid off. In the second half she took on some of the darker and more defiant of Schubert's Mayrhofer settings, and she brought to them both weight and stature.

She had made her return to the Wigmore Hall to celebrate its ninetieth anniversary, and her last encore, "Seligkeit", revealed subtle verbal changes, praising this "Himmelsaal" by name, and determining to remain there forever.

HILARY FINCH

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MOOK
(b) A book produced in the style and format of a magazine, portmanteau word, the concept and the word originated in Japan: "The organisation wanted to use some photos Anderson had taken in one of its scientific mooks on dinosaurs."

CRAMBO
(c) A parlour game in which a player gives a word or a line of verse with which the others have to find rhymes, apparently a popular variation of the Greek *krambe* a cabbage: "A sort of Hellenic crambo — Hesiod singing one verse, and Homer filling up the meaning with another."

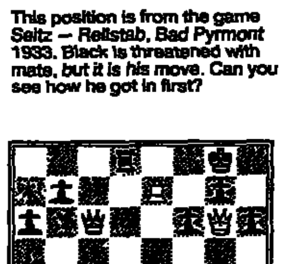
ULTIMA
(b) The last syllable of a word, from the Latin *ultima* sc. *syllaba*: "It also occurs in unstressed position, for example, in the ultima of *always* and the penult of *annihilated*."

MYOLOGY
(c) The science of muscles, from the Greek *mus* a muscle + *logos* the word: "A book which all anatomists kiss with reverence, as containing the oracles of myology."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Seitz — Reilstab, Bad Pyrmont 1933. Black is threatened with mate, *but it is his move*. Can you see how he got in first?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News

9.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club (r) 9.30 Travel Show Guides. Penny Junor and Matthew Collins offer a critical appraisal of the Rhine valley (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays 10.25 Pinny's House (r) 10.35 Humdingers. Musical game show (r)

.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 High Chaparral. Classic western series starring Cameron Mitchell and Leif Erickson (r) 11.55 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills shows how to clean and repair old playthings (r). (Ceefax)

2.00 News; regional news and weather 12.05 Summer People. Highlights from *People Today* with Adrian Mills 12.25 Hooked on Scotland. Paul Young, champion fly fisher, discovers the delights of angling in Scotland 12.55 Regional news and weather

.00 One O'Clock News and weather

.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Humdingers. The jovial Jonathan Coleman hosts the musical game show

.15 Knots Landing. The lives and loves of the residents of the Californian cul-de-sac 3.05 Jim Fixed It. Jimmy Savile presents a *Jim'll Fix It* show first seen in January 1985

.40 Cartoons 3.50 Henry's Cat (r) 3.55 Wildbunch. Violet Berlin and Mark Evans meet some interesting creatures down by the sea plus some Harlequin rabbits 4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (r) 4.35 The Movie Game. Jonathon Morris hosts the quiz show for young movie buffs

.00 Newsround 5.10 Country Boy. Episode four of the six-part children's drama serial (r). (Ceefax)

.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

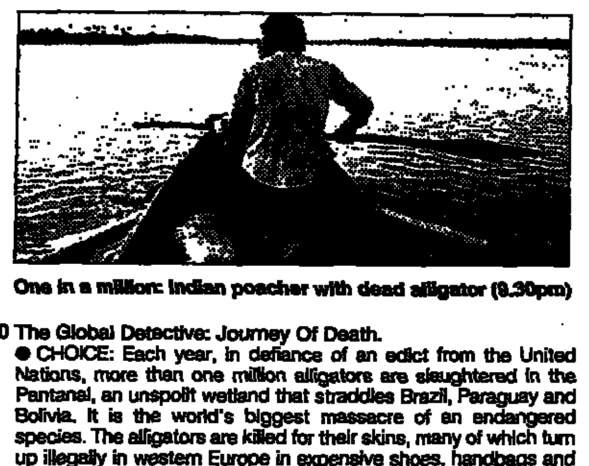
.00 Wogan With Joanna Lumley. Tonight's guests include the controversial judge, James Pickles, actor Anthony Andrews and Dr John Strang. Music is provided by Lenny Kravitz

.35 Doogie Howser MD. Twee American comedy drama series about a teenage doctor. (Ceefax)

.00 Police Rescue: Raid. Routine Australian cop drama. When a man with vital information about his criminal past comes under suspicion, other shady characters implicated threaten to destroy the evidence in a shredding machine housed in the mansion owned by a prominent underworld villain. The Special Operations team goes into action. Starring Gary Sweet and Sonia Todd. (Ceefax)

.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson

.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



One in a million: Indian poacher with dead alligator (9.30pm)

9.30 The Global Detective: Journey Of Death.

● CHOICE: Each year, in defiance of an edict from the United Nations, more than one million alligators are slaughtered in the Pantanal, an unspoilt wetland that straddles Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia. It is the world's biggest massacre of an endangered species. The alligators are killed for their skins, many of which turn up illegally in western Europe in expensive shoes, handbags and briefcases. There are large fortunes to be made, but not by the Paraguayan Indians who carry out the killings and are too poor to say no. David Henshaw's gripping film follows the ramifications of the skin trade from Latin America to Milan, uncovering the tale of bribery, death threats and very murky dealings. Along the way we meet an unrepentant Mr Big who says, blandly, that South Americans have to kill animals to survive. A witty and incisive commentary is delivered with relish by the actor Bill Paterson. (Ceefax)

10.20 Sportsnight Special. Highlights of tonight's European championship match between Wales and Germany in Cardiff. The commentator at the National Stadium is Tony Gubba. Wales: Paper Man

11.00 Film: The Yakuza (1975). Tough and stylish Japanese-American thriller starring Robert Mitchum and Takakura Ken. A war veteran becomes embroiled in the dirty ways of the Japanese mafia when he travels to Japan to rescue a friend's daughter. With Brian Keith and Kishi Keiko. Directed by Sidney Pollack. Wales: 11.15 Film: The Yakuza (1975)

12.50am Weather. Wales: 1.05 News and weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Politics of Equal Opportunity. A look at how the American civil rights movement influenced the British sex discrimination and race relations acts 7.35 Interval

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 Daytime on Two: Tutorial Topics 9.20 Standard Grade Art and Design 9.40 English Time — For and Against 10.00 You and Me. Series for four and five-year-olds 10.15 Rockschool 10.40 They Always Say No. An investigation into equal opportunities in the YTS. With subtitles 11.00 Words and Pictures — a learning to read series 11.15 Standard Grade History 11.35 Teaching Today — Secondary Science 12.05 Lifeschool Special — Child Slaves 12.30 Lifeschool Into Adulthood — Enterprise! 12.55 A Way with Numbers — Hard Currency 1.20 Tales of Aesop 1.25 What's Inside? 1.40 Zig Zag — The Greeks: The Greek Theatre

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Under Sail. The yacht Voluta was built at the end of Queen Victoria's reign and has now been restored to offer paying guests a taste of the grand life afloat in a vintage vessel (r) 2.35 Country File. John Craven presents the magazine programme on agricultural issues (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather

4.00 Brighton or Bust. Programme following the fortunes of three competitors in the 1981 car rally from London to Brighton (r) 4.40 Film 91 with Barry Norman (r)

5.10 Horizon: Of Big Bangs, Stick Men and Galactic Holes. A report on the many mysteries still facing cosmologists in their attempts to explain the origin of the Universe. New observations from telescopes around the world plus those from orbiting satellites show that space contains great clusters of galaxies and vast empty voids — structures for which current theories can supply no satisfactory explanation (r). (Ceefax)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation — The Dauphin. Cult science fiction with Patrick Stewart as Captain Picard. When the Enterprise is assigned to escort a 16-year-old princess to Daled Four, Ensign Wesley (Wil Wheaton) is smitten. But is the princess really who she seems? (Ceefax)

6.50 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World — Budapest. Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha offer advice on where to go and what to do (r). Wales: 6.50 Animation Now — The Night Visitors 7.00 European Championship Football — Wales v Germany live

Net losers? African immigrants in a Paris squat (7.40pm)

7.40 Birthrights: Fortune or Fortress. A series of films exploring culture and identity from a black viewpoint. This episode asks whether the 15 million black people in the European Community will be net winners or net losers as a result of the free trade and travel boom promised by a single market. With stricter immigration controls and the re-emergence of European fascism the black community fears that it will become the second-class citizens of the EC

8.10 Chronicle: The Tree That Put the Clock Back. In a repeated edition from 1971, Magnus Magnusson discovers how scientists used a 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine tree to redate prehistoric Europe

9.00 M*A*S*H: Communication Breakdown. Charles Winchester (David Ogden Stiers) has a newspaper supply that is the envy of the entire 4077th unit but he will not let anyone else read them. (r). Wales: 9.15 M*A*S*H

9.25 The Paper Man: The Battle of the Docklands. Episode five of the six-part drama about self-made media mogul Phillip Cromwell (John Back). Cromwell is now based in London and takes the opportunity to contact Alice (Gennie Nevinson), the daughter he has never known. Alice cannot support her father without compromising her ideals and this she refuses to do. Cromwell's dream of owning *The Leader* newspaper has turned sour. (Ceefax). Wales: 9.40 Chronicle — The Tree That Put the Clock Back

10.20 Fifth Column. Clinical psychologist Dorothy Rowe argues that drugs are not the answer to treating depression

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather

12.00 Open University: The Making of the Open University 12.25am Assessing Chances. Ends at 12.55

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Cross Wits. Word game show 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series

10.30 This Morning. Family magazine

12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment with Jiffy, Bonzo and Jane (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather

1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish soap set in the Highlands 2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Pen and paper charades game

3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors

3.55 The Raggy Dolls (r) 4.05 Bangers and Mash (r) 4.20 But Can You Do It On TV? Children's talent contest 4.45 Rolf's Cartoon Club presented by Rolf Harris (r)

5.10 Blockbusters with Bob Holness

5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of the Rockingham Women's Project

6.00 Home and Away (r)

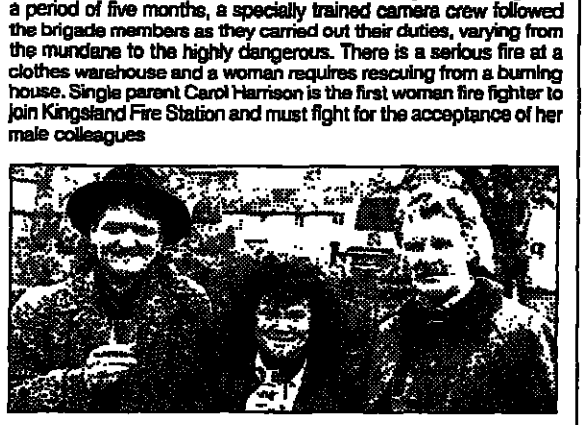
6.30 Thames News

7.00 Cluedo. Chris Tarrant returns with more murder and mystery at Arlington Grange. This week's celebrity sleuths are Judy Finnigan, Richard Madeley, Maggie Philbin and Keith Chegwin

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

8.00 We Are Seven. Likeable Welsh drama, set in the Thirties, and featuring Bridget Morgan (Helen Roberts) and her illegitimate children. (Oracle)

9.00 Fire! A fly-on-the wall look at the London Fire Brigade. Filming over a period of five months, a specially trained camera crew followed the brigade members as they carried out their duties, varying from the mundane to the highly dangerous. There is a serious fire at a clothes warehouse and a woman requires rescuing from a burning house. Single parent Carol Harrison is the first woman fire fighter to join Kingsland Fire Station and must fight for the acceptance of her male colleagues



Fizz: Neil McCaul, Imelda Staunton and David Robb (9.30pm)

9.30 Up the Garden Path. Amiable Sue Limb sitcom about the emotional ups-and-downs of schoolteacher Izzy (Imelda Staunton). Izzy has to persuade Charles (David Robb) that Dick (Mike Grady) is not her husband in the truest sense

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News

10.40 The Equalizer: Silent Fury. One-man detective agency Robert McCall (Edward Woodward) investigates a string of robberies and assaults against deaf people

11.30 Derby Day '91. Nick Owen looks at one of the most important sporting and social events of the year with a full re-run of the race

11.45 Parliament to Parliament. Henry Kelly is the host in London when, for the first time, MPs in the House of Commons are linked via satellite to their counterparts in Moscow. The subjects under discussion include democracy, economic relations, the cold war and the possible break-up of the Soviet Union

12.45am Film: The Connection (1973). American television movie starring Charles Durning as Frank Devlin, an out-of-work newspaperman trying to keep one step ahead of his alimony payments. Devlin becomes the go-between for a jewel thief and an insurance company that wants to settle. Well-written and exciting thriller whose highlight is a car-chase through Manhattan's west side. With Ronny Cox and Dennis Cole. Directed by Tom Gries

2.15 Videofashion: New World. The latest looks for spring and summer 1991 with clothes from Romeo Gigli (Italy), Vivienne Westwood and Katharine Hamnett (England), Escada (Germany), Matsuda (Japan) and Isaac Mizrahi (America)

2.40 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem

3.10 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz show, hosted by Martin Roberts

3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. A look at the phenomenally successful *A Nightmare on Elm Street* series starring Robert Englund as wise-cracking maniac Freddy Kreuger

4.10 Motorsport Special. The Mazda winter rally

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). A look back to the headlines of early June 1941 with the help of vintage newsreel clips

5.00 Grand Ole Opry. Country music from Nashville, Tennessee

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools

12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street. With guest star Barbara Rush (r)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of the Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes (2.15), the Diomed Stakes (2.45) the Ever Ready Derby Stakes (3.45) and the Night Rider Stakes (4.40)

5.00 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving quiz hosted by William G. Stewart

5.30 Yani's Monkeys. Child prodigy Wang Yani is prolific painter who, at the age of 12, had already been commissioned by the Chinese government to illustrate the country's stamps. In 1988 Yani made her first trip to Britain. This short film reveals a remarkably unspoiled personality as well as looking at examples of her work — a cavalcade of monkeys, tigers and fairies (r)

6.00 A Different World. American sitcom set on a college campus

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are violinist Nigel Kennedy and comedy duo Curtis and Ishmael, stars of the BBC series *Paramount City*. Music is provided by the rap band Pm Dawn

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext)

8.30 Dispatches.

● CHOICE: In an impressive piece of investigative reporting, *Dispatches* accuses the Cuban government of direct involvement in cocaine smuggling and suggests that this goes right up to Fidel Castro himself. Officially Cuba takes a hard line on drug use. Two years ago four people convicted of trafficking, including a prominent general close to Castro, were sentenced to death by firing squad. But the programme claims that since the early Eighties Cuba has acted as a middleman in drugs dealing, offering landing space to planes carrying drugs from Colombia and assisting attempts to smuggle drugs into the United States. The charge is that Cuba is using the drugs trade as part of its war against American imperialism. Needless to say, Cuba denies it. But the evidence pieced together from American customs agents, convicted traffickers and Cuban defectors presents a formidable case for the prosecution

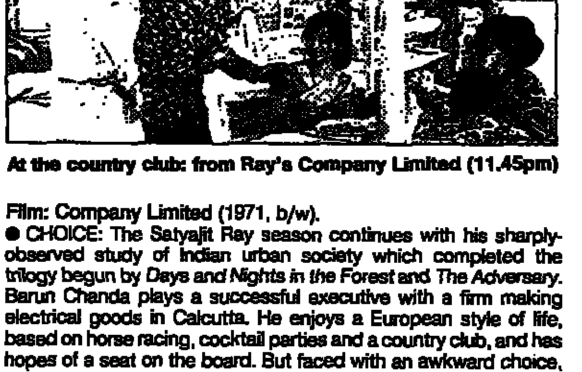
9.15 Re-Play: Positively Negative, by Peter Bebbington. A series of short plays by writers new to television. Tracy (Victoria O'Keefe) and her partner Keith (Chris Garner) anxiously await the outcome of a pregnancy test (r)

9.30 The Beer Hunter: The Best of British. Michael Jackson heads for the Great British Beer Festival to sample some of the 240 varieties on offer (r)

10.00 The Golden Girls. Gorgeously witty sitcom about four matrons sharing a Miami house. Dorothy (Bea Arthur) is on cloud nine after a day of passion with her new beau. Then she discovers that he is married (r). (Teletext)

10.30 Josie. Josie Lawrence stars in her own half-hour of comedy, impersonation and song, aided by Richard Vranch on the piano. Last in the current series

11.00 Manhattan Cable. More bizarre excerpts from New York's three public access cable channels, including celebrities from the Love Ball and an interview with Cindy Adams, gossip columnist of the *New York Post*



At the country club: from Ray's Company Limited (11.45pm)

11.45 Film: Company Limited (1971, b/w).

● CHOICE: The Satyajit Ray season continues with his sharply-observed study of Indian urban society which completed the trilogy begun by *Days and Nights in the Forest* and *The Adversary*. Barun Chanda plays a successful executive with a firm making electrical goods in Calcutta. He enjoys a European style of life, based on horse racing, cocktail parties and a country club, and has hopes of a seat on the board. But faced with an awkward choice, he sacrifices morality for the sake of his career. In doing so he alienates his sister-in-law, a former girlfriend who represents the antithesis of his materialistic world. As always Ray does not try to present heroes or villains, only rounded and fallible human beings. His social criticism is pointed but never bitter. It is a superbly acted film, often wryly funny but not without its moments of sadness. In Hindi with English subtitles. Ends at 1.55am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 11.45pm The Twilight Zone 12.35am Quiz Night 1.05 America's Top Ten 1.35 Film: Schimanski 3.15 Raw Power 4.15 Fifty Years On 4.35 Nashville Swing 5.05-5.30 Farming Diary

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Seeing Stars 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Perspectives 12.15am Night Heat 1.10 Donahue 2.05 Video View 2.35 60 Minutes 3.30 Film: Last Known Address 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 11.45pm Film: An Investigation of Murder 1.50am In the Heat of the Night 2.45 60 Minutes 3.40 Stand Up 4.10 Funny Farm 4.40 Pick of the Week 5.05-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 11.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.15am Night Heat 1.10 Donahue 2.05 Video View 2.35 60 Minutes 3.30 Film: Last Known Address 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Great Crusaders and Their Quests: Indiana Jones 12.45am Film: The Connection 2.15 Video Fashion 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 Quiz Night 3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror 4.10 Motorsport Special 4.40 50 Years On 5.00-5.30 Grand Ole Opry Live

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 How Does Your Garden Grow? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Sin Aged El 11.45 Film: Image of Death 1.15am Donahue 2.15 Space 3.15 Film: Three Cases of Murder 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Mystery Theatre 12.15am Night Heat 1.10 Donahue 2.05 Video View 2.35 60 Minutes 3.30 Film: The Last Known Address 5.20-5.30 Jobs

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Film: Days of Wine and Roses 1.55 Donahue 2.50 Kojak 3.50 The Silk Road 4.45 America's Top Ten 5.15-5.30 Music Box Profile

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On The Wild Side — Water Creatures 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 James Whale's Paper Round 11.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.15am Night Heat 1.10 Donahue 2.05 Video View 2.35 60 Minutes 3.30 Film: Last Known Address 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's the Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.15am Night Heat 1.10 Donahue 2.05 Video View 2.35 60 Minutes 3.30 Film: Last Known Address 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Film: The Black Windmill 1.40am William Tell 2.10 *Quiz Night* 2.40 How Was It For You? 3.10 Comedy Tonight 3.35 Music Box 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder

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RTE 1

Starts: 12.40pm Oireachtas Report 1.00 News 1.30 Appalachian Junkumentary 2.00 Sam 3.00 News followed by Winners 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Against the Wind 5.20 Quaqquao 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 French Fields 7.25 The Tales of Hoffnung 7.35 Life Goes On 8.30 The Radharc Documentary 9.00 News 9.30 The Divine Greta Garbo 10.20 Iascairí Ghaoth Dobhair 10.55 Eartha Kitt 12.00 News followed by Nightlight 12.10am Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.30pm Bosco 2.00 French Open Tennis Championships 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News 8.05 Jo-Maxi — The Remix 8.35 Who's The Boss? 9.00 Bagdad Cafe 9.30 News followed by Dempsey and Makepeace 10.25 French Open Tennis Championships 11.10 Network News 11.30-11.55 Oireachtas Report

SATELLITE

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 'V' 9.00 Equal Justice 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's *Mike Hammer* 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.00 Dayline 10.30 Roving Report 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Roving Report 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Roving Report 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC Nightly News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC Nightly News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Sky Movies Showcase. Includes 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Imagine: John Lennon (1988): Compilation of archive footage tracing the life and career of the singer/songwriter
12.00 Sacred Ground (1983): The wilderness adventures of a man and his Apache wife. Stars Tim McIntire
2.00 Invasion Earth: The Aliens Are Here (1988): Sci-fi comedy in which a band of aliens try to brainwash humans by taking over a cinema on Earth
4.00 Words To Live By: True life story of a schoolboy who publishes an underground paper
4.50 Gambler: A high-school footballer develops a dangerous taste for gambling
5.40 Entertainment Tonight.
6.00 Nice Girls Don't Explode (1987): Comedy about a teenage girl who causes things to catch fire whenever her passions are aroused
7.35 Carry On Through The Ages.
8.00 Search And Destroy (1978): An ex-Viet Cong soldier travels to the US on a revenge mission
10.00 Battle Of The Blockbusters: Viewers are invited to phone and vote for the film of their choice, either:
Beaches (1988): Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey star in a tearjerking drama about two women and their changing friendship
The Telephone (1987): Whoopi Goldberg is an out-of-work actress who spends most of her time talking on the telephone
12.05 The Arabian Nights: Exotic tale of passion and magic set in the Eastern lands
2.15 The Stuff (1985): An amorphous alien falls to earth and is marketed as a dessert
4.00-5.50am From The Hip: Courtroom drama about a lawyer with an unconventional approach defending his clients

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite.
6.15 The Return Of Monte Cristo (1946, b/w): The famous Count sets out to catch the villain who has stolen his inheritance. Stars Louis Hayward
8.15 Riding Shotgun (1954): Western adventure starring Randolph Scott as a wrongly accused man seeking to clear his reputation
9.35 The Longest Day (1962, b/w): Gripping all-star dramatisation of the second world war D-Day landings in Normandy. With John Wayne and Rod Steiger
12.35 Tickle Me (1965): Elvis Presley stars as a rodeo rider hired to work at an all-girl health farm, with predictable results
2.15 The Nutcracker: The Motion Picture (1986): Maurice Sendak designed the set and the Pacific Northwest Ballet do the footwork in this spectacular movie version of the classic ballet
4.15 The Care Bears Adventures In Wonderland (1987): The cuddly cartoon characters go through the looking glass and enter the world of the weird and wonderful
5.50 Spotlight: Paul Coia looks ahead to forthcoming attractions
6.15 Stories From A Flying Tank (1979): A musical adaptation of three of Hans Christian Andersen's tales
8.15 The Blue Lagoon (1980): The sexual awakening of two young children (Brooke Shields and Christopher Atkins) marooned on a desert island
10.15 K-9 (1989): James Belushi in a comedy-adventure about a cop and his canine sidekick
12.00 Distant Thunder (1988): A Vietnam veteran rejoins the outside world after living an isolated life for 16 years
1.55 The War Of The Worlds: Resurrection (1988): The original warring aliens are reactivated and recommence their efforts to take over the Earth. Stars Jared Martin
3.30-5.05am French Postcards (1979): A group of American college students have a series of romantic adventures in Paris

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
12.00 American Football Magazine 2.00pm English Football Review 4.00 Watersports 5.00 Motorsport Review 6.00 Fishing The West 6.30 US Open '90 Preview 7.30 Live European Championship Football 10.00 Isle Of Man TT Races 10.30 American Football Magazine 12.30 Australian Rugby League 2.30 *European Championship Football*

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motor Sport F3 7.30 French Sport 8.00 Pro Superbike 8.30 Fight Night 10.00 Women's Beach Volleyball 11.00 Ladies' Pro Bowling 12.15 Dutch Motor Sports 1.15 Spain Sport 1.30 German Formula 3 Championship 2.00 Asian Challenge Snooker 3.00 Formula One Grand Prix Film 3.30 Pro Box 5.00 Surfing 5.30 USBA World Jet Ski Tour 6.00 US PGA Golf Tour 8.00 Motor Sport IMSA 9.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 10.00 Major League Baseball 12.00 International Speedway 2.00 Live NBA Basketball

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Workout 11.50 Pizza Gourmet 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search For Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge Of The Night 2.05 Afternoon Cinema: Anna To The Infinite Power 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

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RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University

6.55 Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Delius (Summer Night on the Water: Andrew Shulman, cello, Ian Brown, piano); Albinoni (Concerto in C, Op 7 No 2: Gheorghe Zamfir, panpipes, Neil Black, oboe, ECO under Judd); Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Suite No 1: Ulster Orchestra under Tortelier)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Brahms (Tragic Overture, Op 81 Berlin PO under Abbado); Moeran (Serenade in G: Ulster Orchestra under Handley); Britten (Matinées musicales: National PO under Bonynge)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Chopin Fantasy on Polish Airs in A, Op 13: Misha Dichter, piano, Philharmonia under Marriner, Etude, Op 10 No 12: Andrei Gavrilov, piano; Polonaise in A, Op 40 No 1, Polonaise in A flat, Op 53: Shura Cherkassky, piano; Lithuanian Song, Leaves are Falling (Op 74 Nos 16/17), Enchantment, Reverie: Elisabeth Söderström, soprano, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano; Krakowiak, Concert Rondo in F, Op 14: Claudio Arrau, piano, LPO under Inbal

9.35 Midweek Choice: Purcell (Come Ye Sons of Art, Soloists, Oriana Concert Choir and Orchestra under Deller), Beethoven (Sonata No 15, Op 28, Pastorale: Wilhelm Kempff, piano); Raymond Parfrey (Dolce Domenico Suite: Camerata Nova CO), Vaughan Williams (Silent Noon, The House of Life: Thomas Allen, baritone, Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Reger (Fantasie and Fugue, Op 135b: Karol Golebiowski, organ); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 2, Op 44: Itzhak Perlman, violin, Israel PO under Mehta), Stravinsky (Suite No 2: London Sinfonietta under Chailly); Drdla (Souvenir: I Salonisti)

11.35 BBC PO Spanish Tour: Schubert (Symphony No 8, D759, Unfinished), Bruckner (Symphony No 6 in A), BBC PO under Gunther Herbig

1.00 News

1.05 Concert Hall: Maggini Quartet, live from Broadcasting House, London, performs Mozart (Quartet in E flat, K428), David Gow (Quartet No 7, Quartetto amabile, 1990)

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: Koussevitsky conducts Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet, Suite No 2; Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor: Jascha Heifetz, Boston SO)

4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from the Queen's Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle. Introit: Set Me as a Seal (Walton); Responses: Statham; Psalms: 27-9 (Buck, Hylton-Stewart, Howells, Attwood); Lessons: 2 Chronicles 14, vv 2-15; James 3; Canticles: Chichester Service (Walton); Anthem: Blest Pair of Sirens (Parry); Organ voluntary: Fugue in E flat, St Anne (Bach); director of music, Christopher Robinson, organist, Roger Judd

5.00 Roses and Nightingales: For centuries, the song of the nightingale has inspired Persian classical music. Laudan Nooshin introduces the *Dastgah Segah* from the traditional repertoire (r)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Brian Kay looks at music and musicians associated with the Wigmore Hall in London, which is 90 years old this year

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: Terry Eagleton, the newly appointed Warton Professor of English at Oxford university, and the first Marxist critic to take an Oxford chair, talks to Robert Hewison on the publication of his new book, *Ideology*

7.30 Bath Festival 1991: Live from Wells Cathedral the Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner perform Mozart (Incidental music, Thamos, King of Egypt, K345) 8.30 Mozart: A Fragmentary Story: then Mozart (Mass in C minor, The Great, K427: Amanda Roocroft, Rosa Mannion, sopranos, Alastair Miles, bass)

9.50 The Wilson Years: Anthony Howard chairs a final discussion on the issues raised by the series (r)

10.35 Piano Trios: The Raphael Trio performs Haydn (Trio in E flat, H XV 22)), Ravel (Trio in A minor) (r)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35 Composers of the Week: Birtwistle (r)

1.00-2.25 (FM only) Night School

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM.

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day

6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 7.55 Weather 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time, from Stoke-on-Trent (r)

10.30 Morning Story: The Cries of Love, by Patricia Highsmith

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; File on 4 (r)

11.42 The Parts: In this consumer technology series Carol Vorderman looks at the new BT videophone and smart lifts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower.

12.25pm Back to Square One: Chris Serle chairs the quiz which delves into the origins of phrases and expressions (s)

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r)

1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: A report on the American controversy in which abortion counselling is to be stopped in family-planning clinics which are centrally funded; Marion Montgomery, the jazz singer, interviewed during her two-week run of concerts in London; an item on the Women's Institutes of Zimbabwe — from jam and Jerusalem to yams and mbiras; and, on United Nations Environment Day, a look at the psychological and historical aspects of Doomsday predictions

3.00 News; Strangers in Paradise: Mike Harris's disturbing tale about race, sex and power set in the sweatshops, factories and immigration offices of Manchester and Dacca between 1917 and 1981 (s)

3.47 Treasure Islands: Educationalists discuss how children learn to read and how one can define literacy

4.00 News

4.05 Secular Ceremony: New Traditions? Leading church and humanist thinkers discuss the necessity of adopting new, recognised ceremonies (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope: A feature on the shooting of Roland Joffé's latest film, *City of Joy*, in which the depiction of Calcutta has caused a stir in India; a discussion on the importance of practice over theory in British film schools; Spanish guitarist Paco Peña's flamenco mass, to be performed at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, this weekend; and a look at the American performance theatre group, Goat Island

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; including Financial Report

6.30 Brain of Britain, chaired by Robert Robinson (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts

7.45 Medicine Now (r)

8.15 Concerto: Emma Johnson.

● CHOICE: Emma Johnson bowled over judges and audiences in winning the BBC Young Musician of the Year contest in 1984. Now the clarinettist, still only 25 but already a seasoned virtuoso of the concert platform, is trying to discard that label as her New York debut approaches. It all just happened, she says, never realising it would be her career. She comes over as a likeable personality with strong views on conductors and clothes. Listen for her playing Debussy's Première Rapsodie — "fiendishly difficult" she says — making it sound easy as well as extremely beautiful. Interview by June Knox Mawer. (s)

9.15 Kaleidoscope (repeated from 4.30)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Fludd. Hilary Mantel reads from an abridged version of her novel (s)

11.00 Ghost City: Writer Ronald Frame reflects on the middle-class Glasgow of his youth (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Tim Smith 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davis 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00 Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Charles Nove with the Early Show 8.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Debbie Thrower 4.00 Vince Hill 5.05 Brian Hayes 7.00 Are You Sitting Comfortably? 7.30 Donta's Latin Music Show 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 9.30 Success Story 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Radio 2 Jazz Season 1.00 Bill Rennells with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.30am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs. Incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 9.00 News and Sport; Schools 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 10.40 This Family Business with Johnny Walker, incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30pm Education Matters with Wendy Jones 1.00 News and Sport; 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 1.20 Music Mix with Alan Sykes 2.00 Derby Day with John Inverdale 2.15 The Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes 2.45 The Diomed Stakes 3.45 The Every Ready Derby 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Nicobobinus: William Rushton reads Terry Jones's fantastic tale of fairy-tale Venice 7.35 James and the Giant Peach: The Horrid House on the Hill 8.00 Football Extra: Wales v Germany in Cardiff 9.00 Cities: A Student's Guide to Glasgow 9.30 The Leading Edge 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Earshot with John Cavanagh, incl Sport at 11.00 12.00 News & Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather news 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 It's not just Cricket pt 2 9.30 Jazz Score 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report live 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Mediawatch 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Writers in a Nutshell 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the shelf: The Worst Journey in the World pt 3 3.45 Sportsworld: The Derby 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Sportsworld: European Soccer Championships 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 Counterpoint 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 TBA 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Flying the Flag pt 5 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Assignment 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Assignment 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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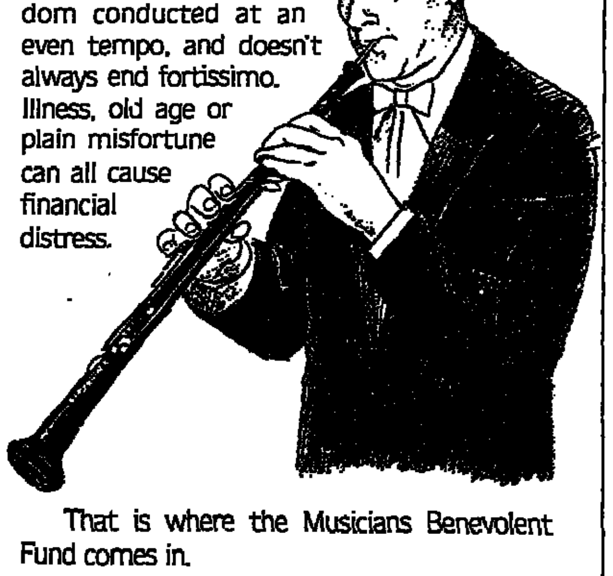

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Council ponders claim to Elgar diaries

By Craig Seton

THE question of the ownership of 70 diaries kept by Sir Edward Elgar and his wife, Alice, is to be debated today by county councillors following a disagreement about where the documents should be kept for posterity.

The diaries are currently stored in the Hereford and Worcester county council record office in Worcester, three miles from Sir Edward's birthplace at Broadheath.

The diaries were placed in the record office in 1975 by Sybil Wohlfeld, who was left them by Sir Edward's daughter, Carice. Since Mrs Wohlfeld's death, aged 88, last year and the release of details of her will, the council has received a claim for possession from an Elgar scholar, but is anxious to keep them and has said that it is unwilling to release such important documents until ownership is verified.

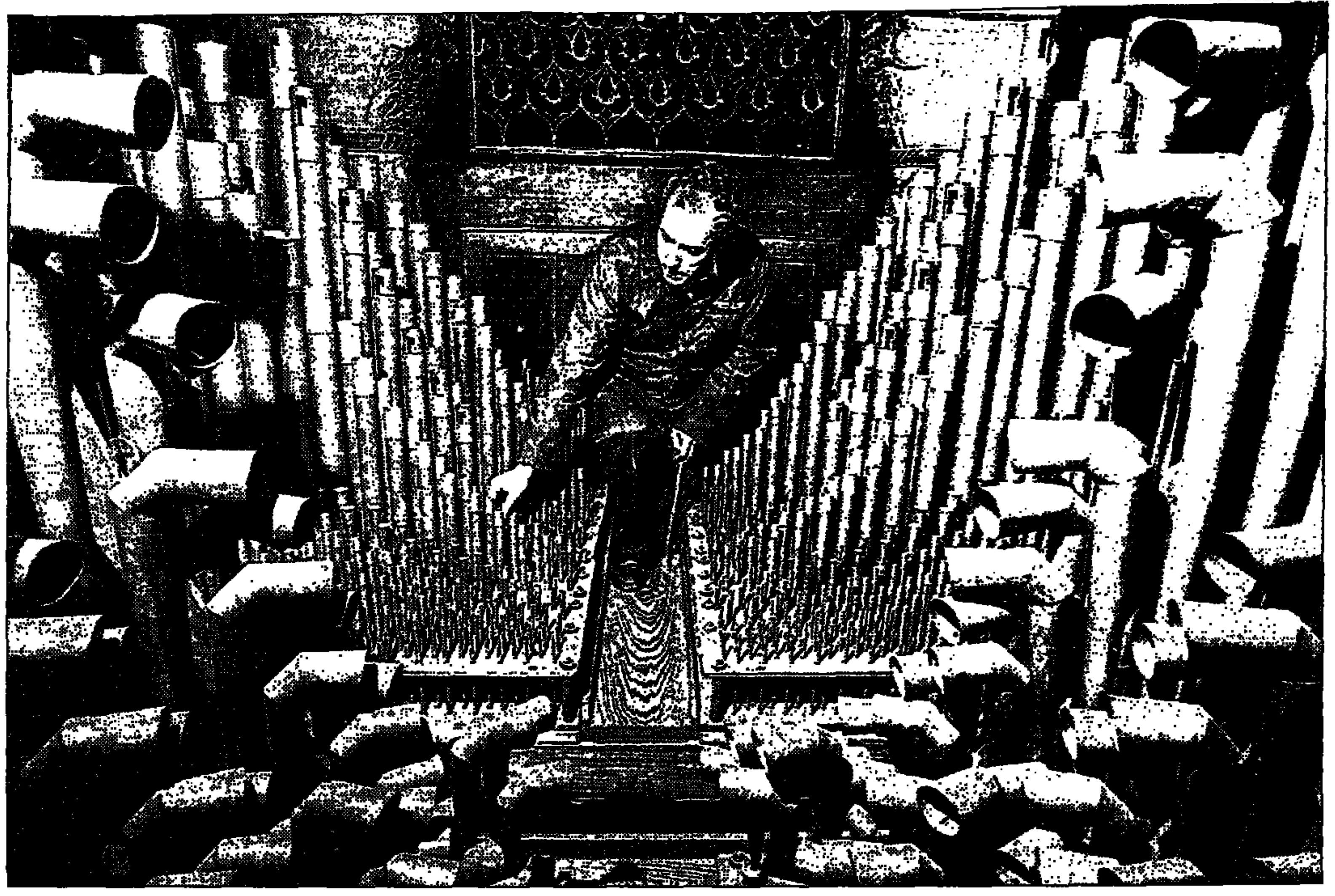
The claim is from Raymond Monk, a senior trustee of the Elgar Foundation, who said yesterday that the diaries had been bequeathed to him by Mrs Wohlfeld, a close friend, and that they were merely lent to the council for safe-keeping.

Mr Monk, aged 65, of Leicester, has studied the life and works of Elgar for over 50 years and was a friend of the composer's daughter. He said yesterday that Mrs Wohlfeld, who lived in Cheltenham, had given him many Elgar artefacts over the years and had expressed a wish that the diaries should go into a national collection.

He believes that they should be put in the British Library, in London, which houses the largest collection of Elgar artefacts, but has agreed to a suggestion from the Elgar Foundation that if the county council releases them, they will eventually be placed in an Elgar centre that is to be built at the composer's birthplace.

Elgar: dispute over where his diaries should be kept

MICHAEL POWELL



Tuning up: David Chapman adjusting one of the 5,000 pipes of Westminster Cathedral's great organ for the Grand Organ Festival which began yesterday

Government starts drive to improve the nation's health

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strategy to reduce premature deaths.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary said: "At its heart is the proposal to set challenging health objectives and targets to improve the overall health of the nation." However, the plans were attacked by Labour last night, who accused ministers of choosing easy targets and failing to back anti-smoking policies.

Robin Cook, shadow health spokesman, said the targets to reduce heart disease and strokes by 30 per cent were lower than the reduction achieved in the last decade when there had been no objectives. In addition, the government's plan to cut smoking by a third within nine years was at odds with its decision to block the European Community proposal to ban tobacco advertising.

Mr Waldegrave countered that there was little evidence of a correlation between banning advertising and smoking reductions and said it was ironical that EC countries such as Greece continued tobacco subsidies.

The government proposals, *The Health of the Nation*, also call for improvements in maternal and child health. More mothers should breastfeed their children and measures should be taken to prevent infant deaths and stillbirths.

Although the report says that other departments such as environment, education, transport, agriculture and social security are committed to improving health, the consultation document contains no new proposals from these departments. A new health steering group is to be set up to advise on the strategy and help implement the targets, with members from inside and outside the National Health Service. The group will be supported by working groups with members from across Whitehall.

Mr Cook also pointed to the green paper's failure to address the effects of poverty on health. The report admits that a World Health Organisation objective to reduce inequalities between groups within countries by 25 per cent by the year 2000 is not achievable. Mr Waldegrave said that even countries such as Sweden and Finland were having difficulties reducing inequality.

"So long as people remain poor, they are likely to remain in poor health," said Mr Cook. "Those on the poorest income have more chance of heart attacks. Children in bed and breakfast accommodation have higher rates of respiratory disease," he said.

However, Mr Waldegrave said that the families in difficulty had even greater need of education and a healthy diet.

Republicans scorn Harvard blueprint

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terday, came out in favour, urging Washington to "take the gamble". There was only some $3 billion of US money a year to lose, in return for the chance of turning the Soviet Union "into an arch-ally or an innocuous neutral state". If it worked, it would be seen as a stroke of genius, it said.

Others are likening the scheme to the vision which produced the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall plan in 1947. Now the International Monetary Fund and economists of the Group of Seven are looking at the scheme.

However, someone should have advised Mr Gorbachev that just about the last way of winning over Washington would be to call in the intellectuals of the Kennedy School, the old home of Michael Dukakis, and the place dismissed in many politicians' minds as a breeding ground of arrogant technocrats.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the Deputy Secretary of State, delivered the most widely quoted Washington verdict: "An economic programme written in the Soviet Union and perfected at the Kennedy School? What could be better? At least they are ideologically compatible."

The Kennedy School has supplied officials to recent Republican administrations, including two members of the Bush team — Richard Darman, the budget administrator, and Richard Thornburgh, the Attorney-General. But it is still viewed with deep suspicion by politicians from the "real world" and Republican ones in particular.

The red-brick pile off Harvard Square, where the old Government faculty became the Kennedy School in the mid-1960s, was the target of Mr Bush's famous put-down of Mr Dukakis: that he took his ideas from the "boutique at Harvard Yard". The unsuccessful Democratic candidate taught government at Kennedy and took his slogan ("competence, not ideology") as well as most of his key advisers from the school.

BBC man dies in Addis blast

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were all together but they were slightly further away and got caught when the depot went off like an atomic bomb and John was caught by the blast."

Buerk arrived in Nairobi last night with the body of Mathai. Amin was taken to hospital where a South African microsurgeon was expected last night to operate to try to save his left hand. The densely populated shanty town around the ammunition dump, with its fragile mud-walled houses and shops with corrugated iron roofs, was almost completely destroyed by the explosion.

Dozens of disfigured bodies lay strewn amongst the shattered glass, shrapnel and burning masonry that littered the road leading to the dump. A spokesman for the Relief Society of Tigré, which works closely with the EPRDF, said that the explosion was caused by a grenade attack on a number of lorries parked close to the ammunition dump. The trucks were themselves full of ammunition; when they were detonated, the dump followed.

Political sketch

Phoney contest by the heavyweights

AS I entered the Chamber, the battle of the fatties was in full swing. The Liberals' Cyril Smith (Rochdale, 28 stone) was trying to harangue the government, but being himself harried by the Tories' Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, 18 stone). Mr Speaker, refereeing, pitted his 11 stone against 644 pounds of bile, blubber, bluster and belligerence quivering on opposing benches. The two great pink-faced tubbies swayed, sumo-style, in their places. If only they would do it in mud.

Their presence was odd because next was a statement on preventative health care. The two parties have unveiled almost identical strategies on successive days, so naturally each rejected the other's proposals with unusual bitterness. MPs rose to praise their own party for its kindly endeavours, and accuse the other of murdering babies, starving children and plotting to poison or cripple the rest of us.

Fingers stained with nicotine, bellies hanging over their belts, faces flushed with climbing the stairs after a heavy lunch, MPs told the nation to care for its health. Yet it is wrong for the governor of the Bank of England to preach wage restraint while practising the opposite!

The health secretary, William Waldegrave, did at least look fit. He started by reminding us that "life expectancy is now 73 years for men . . . compared to 44, a century ago". I looked down at the Tory bench below the gangway. On or by it sat ten men: Edward Heath (74), Sir Anthony Grant (66), Sir Ian Lloyd (70), Sir David Price (66), Sir James Spicer (66), James Hill (65), Dr Sir Alan Glyn (72), Sir Norman Fowler (a youthful 53) and Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (60 tomorrow!). The baby was Tony Marlow (50). Their combined age is 642

Sitting opposite, together or close, were Merlyn Rees (70), Michael Foot (77), Peter Shore (67), James Lamond (62) and young David Winnick (57) . . . combined age 333. A pity the Father of the House, Sir Bernard Braine (76) was absent: our snapshot would then have portrayed 1,052 years of experience. We saw Mr Waldegrave's point about the strains on a modern health service.

Waldegrave proceeds in a sort of super-energetic stumble. There is an intellectual breathlessness about it all, although the young man has thought of lots of clever, exciting things before breakfast, more by lunch, and now has so much to tell us that he has bolted his meal and rushed in. Eventually he yielded to Robin Cook, the fiendish pixie who masquerades as shadow health spokesman.

Cook's first swordthrust was a classic example of this politician's whole approach: quick, sharp, effective and completely spurious. The government was setting health improvement targets for the years ahead, he said: fine, but the advertised figures promised smaller improvements than in the years behind us (when no targets had been set). His supporters howled with glee. A little thought (and Mr Waldegrave) reminded us that any campaign proceeds from the big, easy gains towards the hard core of the problem where the going is slower . . . but the moment had passed.

Ken Eastham (Lab, Manchester, Blackley) rose and told us he wanted to talk about diet. A glance at this MP (we thought) made it clear why: but, no, his subject was the insufficiency of others' diets, not the over-sufficiency of his own. There was a simple way of solving both problems in one stroke.

"The puppies yap," observed Mr Waldegrave bleakly, to nobody in particular, "as the caravan passes on".

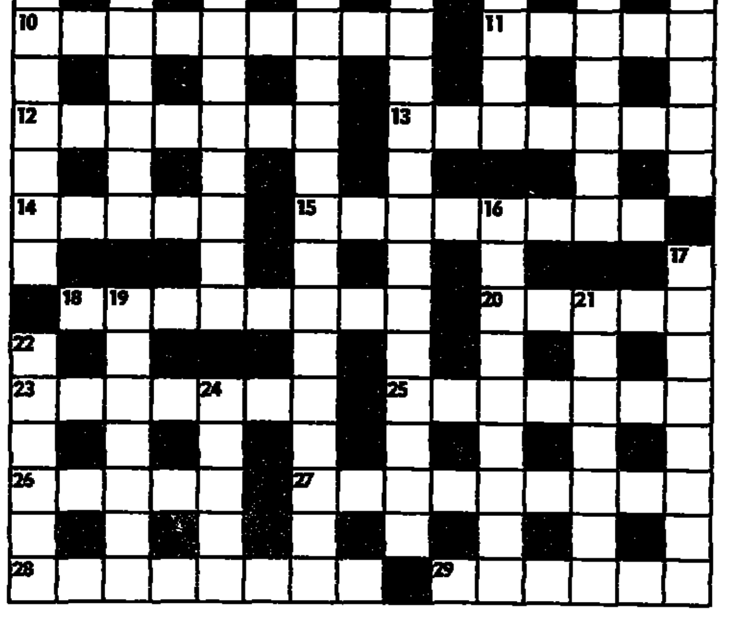
Matthew Parris

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Under the volcano: In the week of Japan's worst eruption for nearly 200 years, Nigel Hawkes asks if its scale could have been predicted. There were some warning signs last month and hundreds of farming families were evacuated from the area. Early warning techniques have improved vastly in the past decade, with British vulcanologists doing some important work in the field

At a cinema near you: Geoff Brown reviews *Marked For Death*, starring Steven Seagal, described in the estate agent speak common to film publicity as "America's hottest new action property". Does that mean he can act?

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,624



ACROSS

1 Swamps with gold in great quantity (6).
4 Rousing game in the Netherlands. . . . (8).
10 . . . .but a miss from Brazil is another problem (9).
11 Extremist involved in awful tragedy (5).
12 Horseplay and tobacco — known cause of 28 (7).
13 Effective, like a serving policeman (2,5).
14 Promise Sunday sport (5).
15 Poisoning from Rye reported (8).
18 Hands may be high here, at end of barrel (8).
20 Nitre processed in Hulme, you could say (5).
23 Complain and curse about corruption (7).
25 Slight hint of blackening around opening of lamp (7).
26 Affair of a doctor taking half an hour (5).
27 Urban nurseryman's late shift? (9).
28 Noel's pollinosis? (3,5).
29 Sound sort of ring for a young bard? (6).

DOWN

1 Suspicion of corrosion following condensation (8).
2 Welsh back out (7).
3 Yellow flower's fruit is underweight (9).
5 Young conductors or principal violins? Both! (7-7).
6 Compress rubbish (5).
7 Jaundice? Cook cures it! (7).
8 Wine writer (6).
9 Girth, say, of 800 metres (6,8).
16 Tinker wandering in effort to make baubles (9).
17 Trawl — and catch nothing but spiny fish (8).
19 Lifting your head continually for this makes you golf badly (7).
21 Fatty not hot in ripped old hat (7).
22 Prominently-printed sensation that weakens the spirit (6).
24 End of the lake is ghostly (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,623

L	I	M	I	T	E	D		P	A	N	A	C	H	E
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Concise crossword, page 21

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 36 per cent of the competitors at the 1991 London B regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MOOK
a. A cow/deer cross
b. A magazine book
c. To pull the wool over

CRAMBO
a. Crab chowder
b. A triple pulpit
c. A word game

ULTIMA
a. The Muse of perorations
b. The last syllable
c. Polite name for Nemesis

MYOLOGY
a. The study of rodents
b. Incoherent babbling
c. Scientific study of muscles

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

Western and south-western areas will start cloudy, with rain over Cornwall, Devon and south Wales soon after dawn, spreading to all areas south-west of a line from Northern Ireland to the Isle of Wight by teatime. More northern and eastern areas will start dry except for showers over northern coasts and hills of Scotland, to spread south. Outlook: cloudy with rain in the south; brighter in the north, with showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	c	Majorca	22	72	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Alex'dria	33	91	s	Malta	22	72	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Melb'rne	15	59	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Athens	24	75	s	Miami*	33	91	f
Bahrain	31	88	s	Milan	19	66	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Montreal*	20	68	f
Barbads*	30	86	f	Moscow	17	63	s
Barcelna	21	70	f	Munich	8	46	r
Belgrade	24	75	c	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	9	48	f	Naples	20	68	f
Bermuda*	29	84	s	N Delhi	37	99	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	N York*	28	82	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	Nice	23	73	s
Brussels	12	54	f	Oslo	15	59	f
Budapest	16	61	c	Paris	14	57	f
Cairo	36	97	s	Peking	32	90	s
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Perth	20	68	s
Chicago*	25	77	s	Prague	14	57	f
Ch'church	10	50	f	Reykjavik	10	50	s
Cologne	12	54	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
C'phagn	9	48	r	Rio de J	23	73	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Riyadh	34	93	s
Dublin	13	55	s	Rome	20	68	c
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Salzburg	10	50	r
Faro	20	68	s	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Florence	24	75	f	Santiago*	13	55	c
Frankfurt	14	57	f	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Funchal	19	66	s	Seoul	25	77	s
Geneva	17	63	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Gibraltar	24	75	s	St'kholm	8	46	r
Helsinki	10	50	r	Strasb'rg	15	59	f
Hong K	32	90	s	Sydney	19	66	f
Innsbrck	10	50	r	Tangier	21	70	c
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Tokyo	25	77	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
L Palmas	21	70	f	Tunis	26	79	f
Le Tquet	12	54	f	Valencia	23	73	f
Lisbon	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	12	54	f
Locarno	22	72	c	Venice	21	70	f
London	13	55	c	Vienna	11	52	r
L Angels*	17	63	f	Warsaw	16	61	f
Luxembg	11	52	f	Wash'ton*	27	81	c
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'nton	12	54	d
Madrid	26	79	s	Zurich	13	55	c

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.335	2.185
Austria Sch	21.80	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.70
Canada $	2.035	1.895
Denmark Kr	11.87	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.37	6.92
France Fr	10.43	9.78
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	335	315
Hong Kong $	13.72	12.72
Ireland Pt	1.153	1.089
Italy Lira	2300	2150
Japan Yen	251	233
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.26
Norway Kr	12.05	11.35
Portugal Esc	268.75	250.75
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.75
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira		
USA $	1.79	1.67
Yugoslavia Dnr	51	32

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F), min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 9.5 hr..

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.0	.14	10	50	shower
Aviemore	6.0	.32	9	48	shower
Belfast	14.6	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	5.6	-	12	54	bright
Blackpool	9.2	-	12	54	sunny
Bristol	6.9	.01	14	57	shower
Cardiff	12.2	.03	15	59	sunny
Clacton	2.6	.07	13	55	shower
Colwyn Bay	5.2	.08	11	52	rain
Douglas	8.4	.01	11	52	bright
Edinburgh	6.4	.09	13	55	thundr
Eskdalemuir	8.0	06	11	52	sleet
Falmouth	13.2	-	15	59	sunny
Glasgow	4.5	.06	13	55	hail
Guernsey	13.3	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	12.6	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	5.1	.06	11	52	shower
Leeds	9.6	.05	13	55	shower
Lerwick	7.7	.10	9	48	hail
London	4.6	.09	14	57	bright
Lowestoft	4.5	.15	11	52	shower
Manchester	8.7	-	13	55	bright
Minehead	12.8	-	14	57	sunny
Morecambe	6.2	.08	13	55	shower
Nottingham	6.5	.01	11	52	bright
Penzance	11.5	-	17	63	sunny
Poole	8.4	-	16	61	sunny
Scarborough	7.8	.30	10	50	hail
Shanklin	6.5	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	5.7	.11	13	55	bright
Stornoway	8.6	.17	10	50	hail
Swanage	8.1	.01	15	59	shower
Tiree	14.3	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	11.3	-	17	63	sunny
Wick	11.2	06	10	50	hail
Worthing	5.1	-	15	59	bright

These are Monday's figures

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Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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N Ireland	727

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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 36 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03 in. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 8.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,014.4 millibars, falling.
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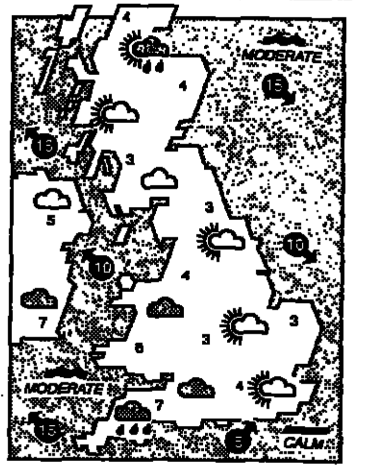

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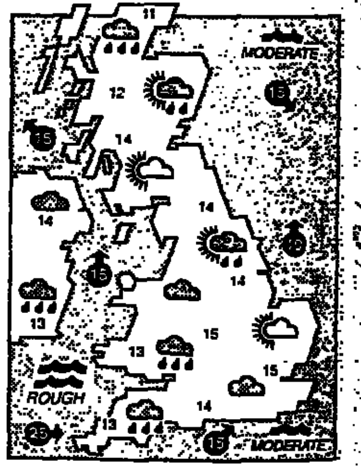

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	f	Guernsey	12	54	f
B'rmgham	11	52	c	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	12	54	s	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	12	54	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	10	50	r	M'nchster	11	52	c
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	10	50	f
Glasgow	12	54	c	R'nldsway	11	52	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Torquay, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.39 in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 14.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.12 pm to 4.46 am
Bristol 9.21 pm to 4.56 am
Edinburgh 9.51 pm to 4.31 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 4.43 am

Sun rises: 4.47 am
Sun sets: 9.12 pm
Moon rises 1.5 am
Moon sets 12.40 pm
Last quarter 4.30 pm

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F), min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.9 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.32	6.2	7.32	6.1
Aberdeen	7.0	3.5	8.2	3.3
Avonmouth	12.25	10.6	12.48	10.3
Belfast	4.39	3.2	5.24	2.9
Cardiff	12.10	9.9	12.34	9.7
Devonport	11.30	4.5	11.51	4.7
Dover	4.43	5.3	5.9	5.5
Falmouth	11.0	4.3	11.21	4.5
Glasgow	6.13	4.2	6.48	4.0
Harwich	5.24	3.4	5.33	3.4
Holyhead	3.58	4.7	4.42	4.3
Hull	11.59	6.1		
Ilfracombe	11.42	7.1		
King's Lynn	12.4	5.0	12.3	5.3
Leith	8.23	4.6	9.8	4.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	4.48	7.9	5.19	7.4
Lowestoft	3.45	2.0	3.9	2.2
Margate	5.41	4.1	5.52	4.2
Milford Haven			12.2	5.3
Newquay	11.0	5.4	11.32	5.6
Oban	11.26	2.9		
Penzance	10.44	4.5	11.6	4.7
Portland			12.16	1.3
Portsmouth	4.56	3.9	5.41	4.0
Shoreham	4.37	4.9	5.16	5.0
Southampton	4.35	3.8	5.23	3.8
Swansea			12.5	7.4
Tees	9.42	4.6	10.31	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	5.34	3.6	5.31	3.5

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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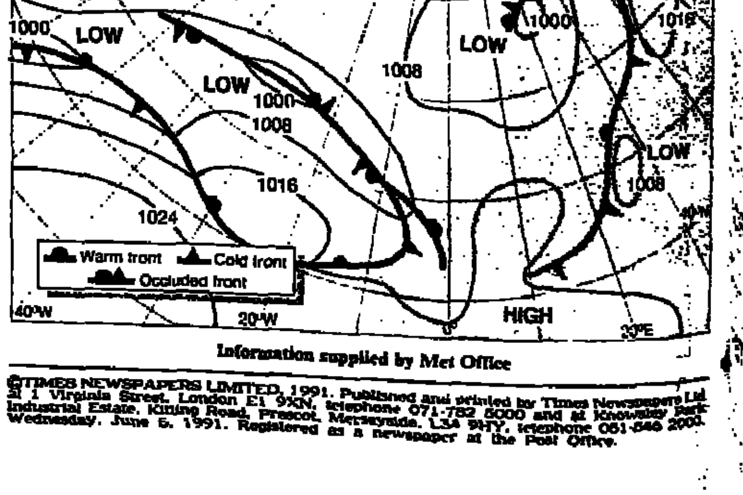

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BUSINESS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

Siebe raises payout

SIEBE, the international engineering group, says life remains tough in its field and all its operations are experiencing a softness in demand.

Sir Barrie Stephens, chairman and chief executive, reported a 10 per cent downturn in pre-tax profits to £159.1 million on a £1.48 billion (£1.37 billion) turnover for the 53 weeks ended April 6, but raised the final dividend 10 per cent to 11p, making 16.5p (15p) a share for the year.

Siebe shares rose 23p in an otherwise weak stock market. Analysts are divided about the profits outlook. The group has started to benefit from its purchase for $656 million of The Foxboro Company in America, in September, and says Foxboro has already contributed to group profits.

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Portland assets drop 27%

Net assets per share at Great Portland Estates, Britain's sixth-largest property company, fell nearly 27 per cent to 286p in the year to end March.

Richard Peskin, the chairman, said the biggest contributor to the fall was GPE's West End portfolio, which fell 25.9 per cent in value. Helped by a 21 per cent increase in rental income, GPE's pre-tax profits rose to £33.8 million. The final dividend was increased to 6.6p (6p) to make a total of 10p (9p).

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De La Rue up

De La Rue, the banknote and security printing group, lifted pre-tax profits from £38.5 million to £58.9 million in the year to end March. The final dividend is 10.5p a share, increasing the total for the year from 13.25p to 13.75p.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7020 (+0.0055)
German mark
2.9649 (+0.0019)
Exchange index
91.4 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1962.8 (-6.0)
FT-SE 100
2506.0 (-9.8)
New York Dow Jones
3012.30 (-23.03)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25556.86 (-355.75)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Siebe	413p (+22p)
Allied Colloids	146p (+10p)
M&G	496½p (+10p)
Wm Cook	304p (+10p)
De La Rue	401p (+23p)
Powerscreen	194½p (+12p)
Redland	563p (+11p)
J Smurfit	570p (+15p)
United Biscuits	375p (+11p)
Independent	315p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Laporte	541½p (-8p)
Kwik-Fit	118p (-9p)
Harvey & Thompson	158½p (-19p)
Cardiff Prop	250p (-8p)
Body Shop	264p (-15p)
Elcco	42p (-13p)
J Laing	283½p (-10p)
Reuters	819p (-26p)
Linread	81½p (-9p)
Schroders	810p (-8p)

Closing Prices...Page 28

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11 11/32-11 5/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 27/32-10¾%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.56-5.54%*
30-year bonds 97 13/16-97 17/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1.7020	£ $1.7030*
£ DM2.9649	$ DM1.7395*
£ SwFr2.5317	$ SwFr1.4855*
£ FFr10.0418	$ FFr5.8920*
£ Yen236.07	$ Yen138.65*
£ Index:91.4	$ Index:56.7
ECU £0.694673	SDR £0.787813
£ ECU1.439526	£ SDR1.269336

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $362.00 pm-$362.40
close $362.40-362.90 (£212.75-213.25)
New York:
Comex $362.65-363.15*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) $18.85 bbl ($18.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.1 April (1987=100)

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OECD predicts shallower, longer slump

Lamont sees autumn end to recession

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

NORMAN Lamont has predicted that Britain's economic recovery will start in the summer or autumn. But the Chancellor refused to be more specific about the precise timing or extent of the recovery than he was at the time of the Budget.

Mr Lamont told a news conference in Paris yesterday, after a meeting of international finance ministers at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, that there was "no reason" to depart from forecasts made in the March Budget.

He said: "Consumer spending led us into recession and I expect it to lead us out. Falling inflation and lower interest rates will improve consumer confidence. We can already see some signs of that."

Treasury officials confirmed that the Budget forecast of a 1½ per cent decline in gross domestic product in the first half of this year, followed by growth of ¾ per cent in the second half, remained the government's best guess about the economy's likely behaviour. But OECD economists, whose forecasts for Britain will not be published until the end of the month, were understood to be projecting a somewhat different course for the economy.

While the OECD also expects the economy to start recovering before the end of the year, its figures suggest a shallower but longer recession, with a smaller decline in GDP during the first half of the year, followed by a weaker and later recovery. Preliminary GDP figures for the first quarter, which were published two weeks ago, showed a decline of only 0.6 per cent and suggested the OECD might be right in projecting a slightly less weak economy in the first half of this year than the Treasury had forecast. But OECD economists also expect less of a rebound in the second half.

Although economists described the differences between the two forecasts as being within statitsical margins of error, they agreed that the political consequences might be significant if the recession proved longer than Mr Lamont had assumed.

The OECD's projections for the industrialised world economy as a whole, and for the leading three economic powers — America, Germany and Japan — showed slightly more muted prospects for growth this year than those published a month ago by the International Monetary Fund. The recession in the American economy has been deeper than expected a few months ago by the IMF, and the expected growth of the OECD economy this year has been reduced by 0.2 per cent as a result. However, the OECD believes that a rebound in America is imminent and is somewhat more optimistic about next year's growth rates than the IMF was last month.

☐ The German economy boomed in the first quarter, with real growth accelerating to 2.5 per cent from 2 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

Switzerland has, meanwhile, formally entered recession. Official statistics showed the economy shrinking 2.1 per cent in the first quarter after a 1.6 per cent decline in the previous quarter.

☐ Britain's manufacturers experienced a slight deterioration in their financial position in the first quarter, according to official figures. The liquidity ratio, expressing current assets as a percentage of current liabilities, dropped to 37 per cent from 39 per cent the previous quarter.

The official gold and currency reserves rose $135 million last month, after a $1.2 billion increase in April.

☐ The European Community and America have agreed to step up efforts to end the deadlock over farm subsidies. Carla Hills, America's trade representative, and Frans Andriessen, the EC trade commissioner, were understood to have reached agreement yesterday as more ministers gave support to the view that the Uruguay Round must be completed this year.

[illegible]

	1991		1992	
	OECD	IMF	OECD	IMF
Industrial countries	1.1	1.3	2.9	2.8
US	-0.2	0.2	3.1	2.7
Japan	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.9
W. Germany	2.8	2.8	2.2	1.9
UK	NA	-2.1	NA	1.9

North West Water pays £87m for engineers

By Our City Staff

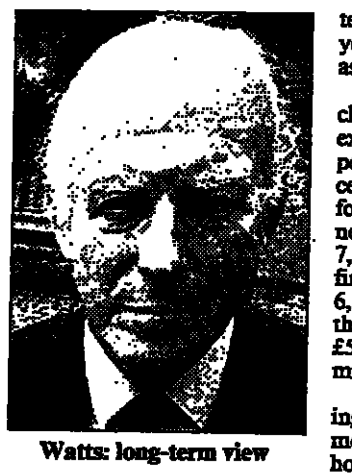
NORTH West Water is spending £87 million to buy two further specialist water and waste water process engineering companies in America and Britain, building on its investment of £51 million on three such companies on both sides of the Atlantic last November.

The acquisitions accompanied impressive trading results from North West and from Thames Water, the two biggest water groups, for the year to end March.

North West's pre-tax profits rose 21 per cent to £215 million and earnings 22 per cent to 54.3p per share. A final dividend of 12p made an increase of 15 per cent to 18p per share for the year.

Thames profits rose 14 per cent to £212 million pre-tax with earnings rising 15 per cent to 50.1p per share. The final dividend of 11.5p was less than some had anticipated but still made an increase of 16 per cent on Thames' assumptions about the previous notional interim payment before privatisation.

Roy Watts, the chairman, said that the dividend was decided in April, before the cautionary letter about dividend increases from Ian Byatt, the water regulator, but had been pitched with the same long-term factors in mind.


Watts: long-term view

North West's biggest acquisition is in America, where it is expanding its exisitng interests by paying $130 million for Wallace & Tiernan, a New Jersey designer, manufacturer and supplier of chemical feeding equipment.

Wallace & Tiernan made $13 million operating profits in the year to end December and had net assets of $20.2 million. The deal is being financed by a private placement in America.

In Britain, North West is paying £12.1 million for Edwards & Jones, of Stoke, a designer and maker of sludge dewatering and handling systems. Operating profits last year were £3 million and net assets £5.4 million.

Bob Thian, North West's chief executive, said operating expenses increased by only 2.8 per cent compared with 9 per cent inflation. The labour force in the core utility business has been reduced from 7,000 to 6,600 during the last financial year and was now at 6,500. Capital expenditure this year is expected to reach £500 million against £408 million last year.

Thames achieved its spending target with capital investment of £393 million and now hopes to bring the first part of the London water ring main into operation six months before schedule next spring. Mike Hoffman, the chief executive, said Thames did not expect to ask for the £200 million eventual cost of abandoning dumping of treated sewage sludge at sea to be passed through to customers.

The group has abandoned its plumbing service as not offering sufficient profit potential, but is building on its waste business. PWT, the international water engineering group, made a loss in its first 15 months under Thames ownership, but made a profit in the second half.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Countering high street gloom: Anita Roddick of Body Shop yesterday, after reporting sales 37 per cent ahead

Dunsdale chief sentenced to six years

Miller sent to prison

By Jon Ashworth

ROBERT Miller, sole director of Dunsdale Securities, was jailed for six years at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, yesterday, for his part in the investment company's collapse. He was barred from serving as a company director for ten years.

Miller, aged 41, of Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, northwest London, pleaded guilty to 19 charges, including forgery, deception and publishing false statements. He furnished false information to regulators and failed to keep proper accounting records.

About 200 investors lost up to £8 million when Dunsdale collapsed in June 1990. Up to £600,000 in cash remains unaccounted for.

Judge Brooks, passing sentence, said Miller had breached the trust of his clients during a 15-year orgy of spending. He said: "While I accept that you never during that period advertised for clients nor did you write letters inviting them to invest in your company, the fact remains that investors placed with you large sums of money to invest on their behalf.

"They placed their confidence and trust in you. You totally abused that and what you did was an extremely well-planned fraud which you executed with a great degree of skill."

Judge Brooks said he had taken into account that Miller was a person of no means who had severely limited employment prospects. "You have totally destroyed yourself."

Miller, who appeared pale and drawn, bowed his head as sentence was passed. His wife, Naomi, was led from the court in tears.

Former Dunsdale clients who attended the trial called for stricter controls to prevent such a collapse from happening again. Richard Degen, an investor, said check-lists should be introduced to allow closer scrutiny of members of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

The court heard that Miller had squandered as much as £2 million on his two wives and his mistress. He made imaginary telephone calls from his office and sent false returns to clients showing how well their investments were doing.

Winner who lost, page 27

Trust managers 'must take notes'

By Sara McConnell

THE investment referee has warned unit trust and portfolio managers that they must make notes of important conversations with clients, otherwise the absence of such records could be used as evidence against them in a dispute.

Richard Youard also pointed out that a "depressing" number of complaints came from investors who clearly did not understand the markets in which they had invested.

Mr Youard revealed yesterday that the number of complaints in his second year of operation rose from 63 to 134 and that just over £85,000 had been paid out in settlements from claims amounting to £855,000.

Mr Youard said the slump in the equity markets had led to a significant increase in complaints about performance. This showed a lack of understanding of the equity markets on the part of the investor.

His report said: "A depressing number of cases have reached the office this year, which indicate that too many small investors have still not grasped the reality of certain forms of investment . . . these cases would not have arisen if the investor had understood that investment in equities, whether direct or through unit trusts, involves risk."

Investors had a duty to read advisers' brochures and have some idea of their own investment objectives, Mr Youard said. However, he added: "I am disturbed by the number of organisations that apparently do not make it an absolute requirement of their staff that they make contemporaneous notes of meetings and discussions with investors.

"I am putting the industry on notice that an absence of contemporaneous notes may be construed against them. It is not reasonable for small investors to make copious notes or to take tape recorders to interviews. This is a shot across the bows."

Body Shop keeps in shape at £20m

BODY Shop International, the environmentally-friendly cosmetics and toiletries retailer, continues to shrug off the recession which is still gripping the nation's high streets, (Matthew Bond writes).

Pre-tax profits in the year to the end of February rose 38 per cent to £20 million, reported Anita Roddick, the managing director, yesterday.

Consumer appetite for the company's products shows no sign of diminishing with sales increasing by 37 per cent to £115.6 million.

Dividend payouts are keeping pace with the company progress, with a final dividend of 0.7p (0.5p) making a total of 1.22p (0.91p) 34 per cent up on last year. The success of the company's is largely dependent on increasing sales through the opening of new shops.

In Britain, sales on a like for like basis grew by 6 per cent during the year.

According to Gordon Roddick, the Body Shop chairman, this like-for-like growth has flattened in the first quarter of the current year.

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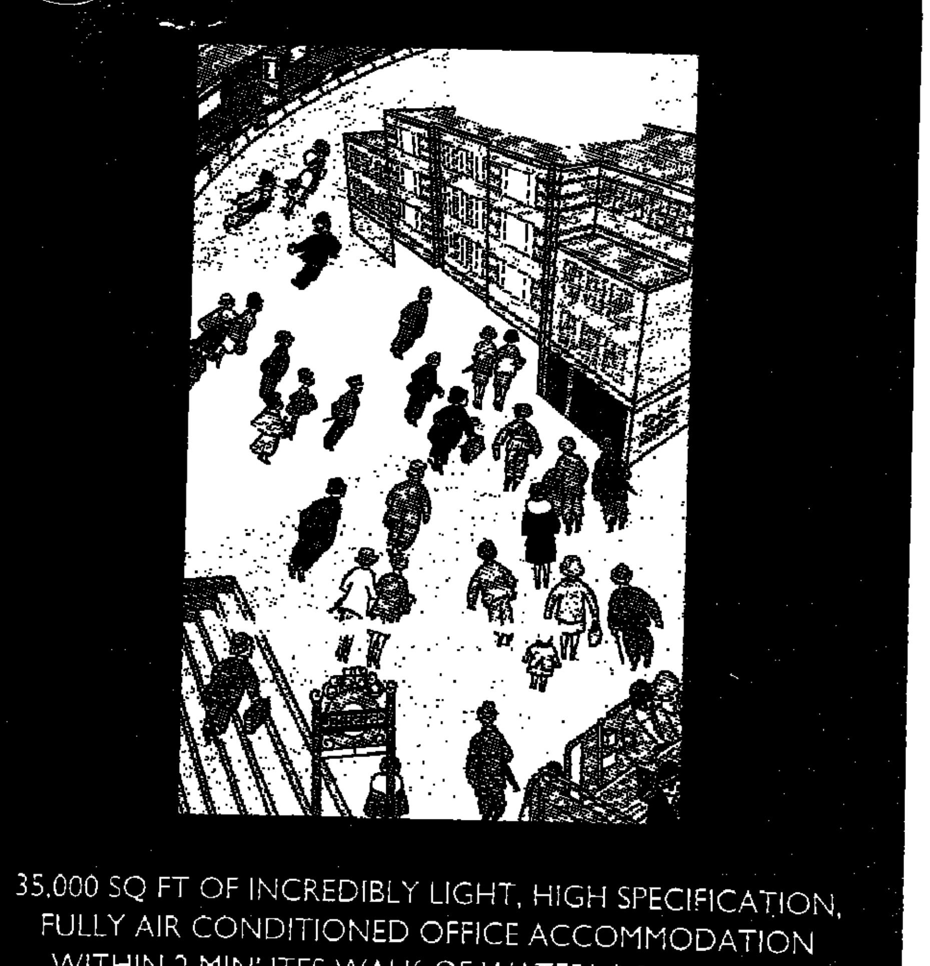

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How executives can plead poverty

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

INDUSTRY chiefs reeling from shareholder attacks on their pay rises can take comfort from a survey that suggests they are poorly rewarded compared with their European counterparts.

According to P-E International, the management consultant, a typical managing director of a British manufacturing company with sales of £75 million a year earns £73,500. That places him tenth in a table of MDs from 11 main European countries. His gross pay is only 56 per cent of that of his Swiss counterpart, who tops the league with annual pay of £130,600.

But executives incautious enough to display bulging wallets should hesitate before producing the P-E results in their defence. In pay, as in other international comparisons, few things are what they seem. P-E has done its best to rid its figures of bias by comparing the remuneration packages of 42,394 executives at 3,562 companies. But the notional value of company cars and share options, more common in Britain than anywhere else in Europe, is omitted.

British high earners enjoy the lowest level of taxation in Europe. P-E's adjustment for taxes and the cost of living in the countries studied shows Britains are not so harshly treated as the crude figures imply.

On this basis, the typical British MD moves up to seventh place in the league. With net pay worth £48,700, he does better than his peers in The Netherlands, Belgium, the Republic of Ireland and Denmark. But Swiss MDs continue to hang on to first place, with a net salary of £73,000. German MDs are second, on £61,200, and the Spanish, who command a premium price because of skill shortages, come third. The survey reveals striking differences about the value placed on key management skills. In Britain, finance directors in the same companies earned net pay, adjusted for the cost of living, of £34,100. They were ranked fourth in the league table behind their peers in Switzerland, France and Germany.

In relation to the pay of their managing directors, they leave their European rivals standing. Typically, the UK finance director earns 70 per cent of the net pay of his managing director. In France, suprisingly, given the relatively low status of the finance function at board level, the financial director or his equivalent typically earns 66.9 per cent of his MD's salary.

During 1990, the year covered by the survey, British executives achieved pay increases averaging 12.3 per cent, a level bettered only in Portugal. However, only Portugal had a higher inflation rate.

Fields report delayed

THE long-suffering shareholders in Mrs Fields, the biscuit company quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market may have to wait another fortnight to hear the bad news about the company's performance last year. Preliminary figures, showing a loss after exceptional items, were expected by the end of last month.

With that deadline passed, however, the company has now said that an announcement will be made "on, or before, June 20".

The delay has been caused by talks with the company's bankers, although a spokesman said that covenants on its borrowings of $70 million have not been breached.

The shares were unchanged at 11p, having reached a peak of 274p in 1987.

Stake raised

Caledonia Investments, the vehicle of the Cayzer family, has raised its stake in the voting shares of Harry Ramsden's, a fish-and-chip restaurant group quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, from 14.9 to 24.9 per cent.

Profits rise

Powerscreen International lifted pre-tax profits from £14.55 million to £17.04 million in the year to end March. The total dividend is 5.55p (5.04p) from earnings per share of 15.9p (14.3p).

Wilton offer

Wilton Group owns, or has received, acceptances for 50.1 per cent of Cowan, de Groot's share capital. Its offer is unconditional as to acceptances and remains open.

Hazlewood pays more despite fall in profits

By COLIN CAMPBELL

HAZLEWOOD Foods reported a 10 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £51.2 million for the year to end March. But as a sign of confidence, the total dividend is being raised from 5p to 5.8p with a final dividend of 3.7p (3.2p).

Earnings per share slipped to 17.13p (19.76p) and were calculated on 211 million ordinary shares (206 million), being the average in issue during the period. Hazlewood undertook a restructuring programme last June to concentrate on its core businesses and, in turn, received £20 million from the sale of its confectionery and snacks division.

John Lowe, the chairman, said: "The company now has a sound European base of high quality businesses in markets with considerable growth potential."

After the restructuring, Hazlewood has a solid platform from which it can resume its growth. The main business areas are grocery and frozen and fresh foods. Turnover was £541.3 million, compared with £576.7 million that included £89 million from businesses now sold.

The core businesses achieved a 12 per cent advance in turnover and the core businesses showed a marked improvement in the quality of earnings.

Hazelwood spent £28 million on a number of site developments in the year and will continue to make selective acquisitions. Mr Lowe said, however, that the immediate opportunities for growth are in the development of the core businesses.

Colloids hurt by Gulf war

RECESSION and the Gulf war have combined to dent the profits record of Allied Colloids, the Yorkshire chemicals group. Pre-tax profits for the year to end March dipped from £38.8 million to £36.4 million, despite a 6 per cent increase in sales to £233 million.

All of the fall came in the second half, when the Gulf war created uncertainty and increased costs in oil-based products and services. Interim profits had been up from £19.2 million to £19.4 million.

Shareholders collect a final dividend of 2.7p a share, lifting their total from 3.2p to 3.5p for the year, despite a reduction in earnings per share from 10.23p to 9.88p.

PETER TREVNOR

Fighting on: George Walker, the deposed chief executive of Brent Walker, at a Business in Sport conference organised by the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday. He kept largely to a text prepared before his dismissal last week.

Powell Duffryn payout pegged

By MARTIN BARROW

POWELL Duffryn, the fuel distributor and engineer, is paying an unchanged total dividend despite a 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits last year.

In the 12 months to end March, pre-tax profits fell from £33.6 million to £28.9 million, reflecting difficult conditions in engineering and construction materials. Earnings were down from 36.8p a share to 30.7p.

A final dividend of 16p a share (16p) makes 22.6p for the second consecutive year, covered just 1.4 times by earnings.

After an extraordinary charge of £3 million in respect of restructuring costs and a higher rate of taxation, retained profits fell sharply from £14.54 million to just £2.12 million. Powell Duffryn shares slipped 4p to 334p.

The setback in profitability would have been more severe but for a strong recovery in demand for heating fuels during the winter. As a result trading profits from fuel distribution increased from £7.23 million to £12.77 million, a 77 per cent increase.

This was partially offset by disappointing returns from shipping and bulk liquid storage. The distribution and storage division, however, still increased trading profits from £18.43 million to £22.92 million.

Profits from engineering activities, which serve the construction and transport sectors in Britain, declined from £19.97 million to £13.98 million. Construction materials fell from £3.28 million to £2.47 million.

David Hubbard, the chairman, said that after protracted negotiations, the proposed joint venture in chemical distribution with Pakhoed Holding of The Netherlands was likely to come into effect in the autumn, releasing about £14 million for re-investment. Mr Hubbard said that coal activities, withdrawn from the market in the absence of acceptable offers, performed well after restructuring.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Saudi Arabia resists oil production cuts

SAUDI Arabia, the world's biggest exporter of oil, has ruled out production cuts to help the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries achieve its target price of $21 a barrel. As Opec's bi-annual meeting began in Vienna yesterday, Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, said Saudi Arabia would not force that price on the market by a deliberate creation of shortage.

His country was under pressure to help find ways to increase the Opec oil price, which trades more than $3 below target. The International Energy Agency, which monitors energy consumption, estimated that Saudi Arabia sold between 7.8 million barrels per day (bpd) and 8 million bpd in May. Its original Opec output quota, suspended after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, was 5.4 million bpd.

Blick up 4% to £2.76m

BLICK, which this week bought Telefusion Communications, recorded a 4 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £2.76 million in the six months ended March, despite the recession. Turnover was £10.7 million (£10.9 million). The interim dividend rises from 2.5p to 2.6p a share. Cash balances at March 31 were £1.8 million higher at £7.4 million.

Allied forms Soviet link

HIRAM Walker-Allied Vintners, the Allied-Lyons wines and spirits division, has agreed to form a joint venture with Agro-Industrial Firm Prut, the Ukrainian company, in the Soviet Union. Called AL-PRUT, the venture will make and sell cider and apple juice, and will build a modern plant which will use Soviet and western equipment.

Marshalls drops 54%

MARSHALLS, the Halifax building materials maker, reported a 54 per cent slump in pre-tax profits from £27.7 million to £12.7 million for the year ended March 31.

The company said the results reflected "the increasingly tough trading conditions in the building and construction sector". Sales volumes were maintained, but at the expense of margins, Marshalls added. Turnover was little changed at £184 million. A total of £11.3 million was spent on investment during the year. A final 3.75p (3.75p) dividend makes an unchanged 5p for the year.

Stratagem claims 91%

STRATAGEM Group, the investment company, claims to speak for 91.1 per cent of Touchstone, the computer services group, and has said the £6.1 million offer will close on June 21. *The Times* wishes to make clear that Stratagem has a long-term policy of not paying an interim dividend and did not "pass" the payment as stated in the headline on June 1.

Dart Group raises £2.8m

DART Group, the flower distribution company formerly known as Channel Express, is raising £2.8 million by a two-for-nine rights issue at 108p a share to reduce borrowings and finance overhauls to its aircraft fleet. Pre-tax profits rose 31 per cent to £1.8 million in the year to end March. A final dividend of 1.8p makes 3p (2.6p).

CML jumps to £4.8m

PRE-TAX profits at CML Microsystems, the semi-conductor products and systems supplier, have risen by 15 per cent from £4.20 million to £4.85 million during the year to end March. Overall sales were up by 5 per cent to £14.32 million.

Net assets at the year end were 71.93p a share (56.32p) and the group's net cash reserves were £8 million (£6 million.). An annual dividend of 2.9p is to be paid, an increase of 26 per cent on the previous year's 2.3p. The company does not pay interim dividends.

Sturge prepares investors for 43% profits collapse

By NEIL BENNETT

STURGE, Lloyd's largest underwriting agency, has warned shareholders that its profits will collapse in the current year because of losses on some of its largest insurance syndicates. The company, which is run by David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, has forecast that its pre-tax profits for the year to end September will plunge 43 per cent to £18 million. This comes after a 21 per cent slide at the half year stage to £3.7 million.

Peter Davis, the finance director, also sounded a warning that the company might not be able to maintain its dividend in the coming years, although the company hopes to use its cash reserves to fund the payout. He said: "Nobody can guarantee the dividend. These are very uncertain times."

The interim dividend this year is held at 5.5p.

Sturge, like other managing agents, makes most of its profit through commission from its underwriting syndicates. This has slumped in the current year, since the syndicates account three years in arrears, and many were hit by losses from the Piper Alpha disaster in 1988.

Five of Sturge's six marine syndicates made losses in the year, along with two non-marine units. Overall, however, the company's 23 syndicates made an average 9.6 per cent return on income, higher than many of their rivals.

Higgs and Hill firm on scheme for Reading

DIRECTORS are not only under fire because of their high salaries. What is stirring shareholders' passions at Higgs and Hill, the builder, is Bugg's Bottom (Martin Barrow writes).

Molly Casey, a pensioner, yesterday emerged as the champion of Bugg's Bottom, a local beauty spot in Reading, Berkshire, that is under threat of development by Higgs and Hill, which wants to build 500 homes on the site.

She led a spirited defence of the site by a group of local residents, who acquired a total of 10 shares for about £27 before costs to attend the company's annual meeting at the Howard Hotel, central London.

Sir Brian Hill, the chairman, who early last year successfully defended his company against a £162 million hostile bid by YJ Lovell, played another steady hand.

Faced with the prospect of a severely disrupted meeting, Sir Brian, who earned £131,000 last year, allowed the formidable Ms Casey to put the case for Bugg's Bottom to fellow shareholders before he coolly informed the meeting that despite the strong opposition the development was likely to proceed.

RECENT ISSUES

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Thames Water on target

Preliminary Results for the year ended 31st March 1991

Turnover up 37% to £835m

Profit before tax up 14% to £212m

Earnings per share up 15% to 50.1p

Dividend per share up 16% to 17.5p

Capital investment up 59% to £393m

Extract from the Preliminary Announcement

"These are good results...The Board believes the results strike the right balance between rewards to shareholders, customers, employees and the community at large.

Thames Water Utilities Ltd has performed particularly well despite extreme weather conditions for the second year running.

Capital investment increased to £393m, continuing the process of quality and environmental improvement. The capital programme has been implemented professionally and successfully, reflecting new methods and enhanced co-operation with suppliers and contractors.

The Company has started the current year well and can look forward to the future with confidence.

Roy Watts
Chairman

Thames Water

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Note: All comparisons relate to pro-forma results for 1989/90

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Recession scapegoats bite back

COMMENT

John Major has been forced to drop his plans to exterminate pit bull terriers. This is, perhaps, the best explanation for the sudden commotion in Whitehall about the rapacious practices of Britain's bankers. A recession caused by excessive interest rates was a tempting time to declare open season on these traditional scapegoats.

The Treasury doubtless realised that any serious examination of the British financial system would only have underlined the government's direct responsibility for the present epidemic of corporate failures, relegating the greedy bankers to a tiny supporting role. Once the political pressures of the recession became intolerable, however, out came the comic opera villains with their fat cigars and polished top hats.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of the British Bankers' Association, understandably welcomed the Bank of England enquiry into the terms of small business lending. Officials are bound to find that bankers' terms reflect a fair market assessment of the risks and costs of lending to small businesses, since the banks are the market. Deregulation of financial services, abolition of exchange controls, and now the 1992 programme, have greatly increased competition in the markets for all types of lending. Small businesses have been less favoured than homeowners or multinational companies. But this suggests that the interest rates they pay leave too little profit for the banks.

Small businesses on average are paying about the same margins of 3½ to 4 per cent above base rates as they were a year ago. Within this average, however, some businesses are being charged much more. Some firms which have perfectly good business prospects are charged usurious rates because their bank manager disagrees.

In principle, bankers should know their customers better and send teams of accountants and management consultants to assess each borrower's credit. But this prescription runs straight into the brick wall of competitive reality. National Westminster, the country's biggest small business lender, reports that the average customer with a turnover of under £1 million has an overdraft of £15,000. At an average margin of 4 per cent, the annual revenue from this lending would come to £600 — and the profit to very much less.

Clearing banks will not go to great lengths to advise and nurture their small customers for such slim pickings unless they expect them to grow much bigger. Indeed, greater competition and attention to profits in the financial market might tilt the balance even more further against the smallest firms.

Short of turning again to subsidies, new institutions or guarantee schemes to redress the market balance, the government could look at other ways of favouring small businesses. The bill to accelerate payment by trade creditors proposed by the Forum of Private Business would probably do more for small firms than a point off bank lending margins. Yet the government has resisted such legislation. Why? Because it would interfere with the free market. The bank chairmen might draw this argument to the attention of Messrs Major and Lamont.

Floating

Thames and North West start with an advantage in the renewed competition between the ten privatised water groups for the favour of institutional investors, which has been set off by the impending break-up of the weighted package of water shares next month. Both are included in the FT-SE 100 index and are, therefore, candidates for big international funds. Both also have distinctive profiles.

North West faces the biggest risks and rewards in its core business because of its huge capital programme and its relatively late start in cost cutting. This allowed an impressive performance in keeping the rise in operating costs to only 3 per cent in 1990-91 against 7 per cent at Thames. Dennis Grove, the chairman, has tried to dispel any backward image with a drive to buy water treatment companies outside the regulated sector in Britain and America. North West shares were also floated on a relatively high yield.

Thames was the premier big company stock since Roy Watts, the chairman, prepared for privatisation earlier than most. This misfired when the final shape of legislation upset some of the group's original heady diversification plans. The shares also originally lagged because they were floated on the tightest terms due to large potential local market of private investors.

Thames, therefore, needed to redress perceived drawbacks opposite to North West's. During the past year, Mike Hoffman, the chief executive, has laid far more stress on his core business, which is now well regarded by peers. One diversification into plumbing, favoured by several companies, has even been abandoned.

Mr Watts also moved fast to pay a higher final dividend for 1989-90 than the prospectus forecast and followed this through with the interim payment. This adjustment has now been completed. The total dividend for the year has risen by 17.2 per cent on the original prospectus assumptions, but the final dividend is up only 14.2 per cent. Thames should, therefore, avoid the strictures of Ian Byatt, the regulator, against excessive dividend rises.

The instant winner who lost all with Dunsdale

ALAN WELLER

Taste of freedom: Robert Miller, with Naomi, his wife, before he was sentenced

ROBERT Miller could pass for the Marlboro Man. He smokes constantly, fingering a red packet of Marlboro cigarettes and running a hand through his smooth black hair. It is dusted with grey. His shirt is open at the neck and he wears boots under his jeans.

Several weeks before his trial, Miller spoke of the day he lost his freedom. It was Monday, June 11, 1990. He flew from Paris to London for an agreed rendezvous with the Serious Fraud Office.

"We had a morning of interviews and then the chief detective said, 'All right, we'll break for lunch'. It didn't occur to me that I wouldn't have lunch with my solicitor. Instead, they took me down to a holding cell and closed the door. It was my first experience of incarceration and that was a pretty appalling prospect."

For 15 years, Miller juggled investors' funds to create the illusion of a profitable business. Money received from clients with one hand was passed with the other to investors who wanted their money back. In fact, Dunsdale was effectively insolvent.

In a rented flat in Maida Vale, northwest London, a far cry from the Mayfair townhouse of his Dunsdale days, Miller spoke, before his court appearance, of the events that triggered his downfall.

The countdown began in October 1989, when Miller short-sold "a couple of hundred thousand" shares in Reuters. "On Friday, October 13, the London market closed relatively firmish, nothing exciting, and I went out for dinner. And in the ten o'clock news that night, the lead story was that Wall Street had dropped 190 points, a Friday the 13th, and I thought 'Oh, this is wonderful'. It was a short position and I was effectively an instant winner."

It was gambles like this, using Dunsdale money, that contributed to Miller's six-year jail sentence. Judge Brooks, passing sentence, said Miller had breached the trust and confidence of his clients, many of whom were friends and relations. "In my judgment, these were wicked acts of dishonesty by you which resulted in a great number of investors totally losing their savings."

The drop in London the following Monday left Miller with a paper profit of £260,000, but his euphoria was short-lived. The Reuters price began to rise steadily, and he sold more and more shares, desperately hoping they would plunge again.

"By about the beginning of November, I was short by about 14 million quid's worth of stock. And the trouble is the price kept on rising. The Stock Exchange closed out my positions, and I crystallised a loss eventually of £2.1 million."

Miller began a frantic juggling act to keep Dunsdale aloft. He paid Swiss Bank Corporation, his broker, about £980,000 in cash towards the £2.1 million debt and charged his Mayfair home to SBC.

> Money received from clients with one hand was passed with the other to investors who wanted their money back

No money was coming in to stem the tide. As Miller met clients at Apsley House in May 1990, the bubble was about to burst. "It eventually came to a head because of two large withdrawals, one for £325,000, one for quarter of a million, and it just came to the point where I could not meet them."

By Friday, June 1, Miller knew the game was up. He checked into the Grosvenor House hotel with the intention, he claims, of committing suicide. Despite slashing his wrists, he claims the blood would not flow and he resolved to leap from the fifth floor. "At six o'clock on the dot I went to the window but I just couldn't face the jump. I mean I was very happy to die, by slashing my wrists and losing consciousness through loss of blood, but I just couldn't face the window at all."

Miller was collected by his wife, Naomi, and they went abroad for a week — "to decide exactly what we wanted to do". They flew to São Paulo, Brazil, via Paris, to visit Miller's uncle. As news of the Dunsdale collapse grew, he arranged to go to the Serious Fraud Office.

After two days' of questioning, he was taken to Wormwood Scrubs. "I was quite lucky there because there'd been a lot of publicity. When a remand prisoner recognises another who is alleged to have disappeared with 20 million quid he wants to get friendly with him."

Dunsdale became a member of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association in July 1988. A compliance visit, in August 1989, nearly toppled the house of cards.

"I was slightly surprised because . . . when the compliance officer arrived I thought he or she would be a fairly mature person. I would have thought that he or she might not be alone, I thought there might be two or possibly three of them, but it was a fairly young girl, an Australian girl."

Miller claims he survived because his execution-only business alone was checked. "Under normal circumstances, a compliance officer would spend at least a day if not two in a member's office, but in my case she was there for two-and-a-half hours."

Tales of high spending have, he insists, been exaggerated. "I've been described as having the lifestyle of an Arab prince. It was a comfortable lifestyle, but it wasn't totally out of sync with what one would expect to see in a successful businessman in the Eighties."

The former Dunsdale clients, who were told he spent £2 million of their money on fast cars, credit cards, property and luxury holidays, would probably disagree.

JON ASHWORTH

TEMPUS

Life stays tough as Siebe waits on recovery abroad

SIEBE has left the market divided about this year's prospects, with some analysts taking to heart the warning that the recession still continues, and others believing that cost-cutting benefits will flow through to make this year's profit sing.

Pre-tax profits for the 53 weeks ended April 6, at £159.1 million against £181.3 million, were broadly in line with expectations, and were tempered by a 10 per cent increase in the final dividend to 11p, making 16.5p (15p) a share. In a falling market, Siebe shares advanced 23p to 414p.

The negative points are that the return on shareholders' funds eased from 33.2 per cent to 26.7 per cent, currency movements knocked £12.4 million off profits, the current trading position across the group remains mixed, and that gearing is up year-on-year from 32.7 per cent to 98.1 per cent.

Positive aspects include interest cover at 4.2 times, and the strong cash generative position suggests no rights issue, gross margins at Foxboro, bought last September for $656 million, have improved under Siebe ownership from 32.9 per cent to 44.7 per cent, and any economic recovery in America, which could be on the horizon this year, will make Siebe an early beneficiary among fellow British engineering shares.

International sales of £1.33 billion, accounting for 89.8 per cent of the whole, illustrate how well placed Siebe is to any economic recovery abroad.

Gearing should end the financial year in the 80 per cent region, and the benefits of cost cutting at Foxboro should be progressively more evident as the year unfolds. Foxboro has already made a modest £500,000 contribution to profits after financing costs, and should become a more significant money-spinner.

Firmer evidence will be needed, however, that the recession is over and that Siebe is again running forward before the cynics are convinced. Profit forecasts vary between an advance to £172 million and a slip to £150 million.

The shares are on prospective 8.1 times earnings, and the jury is still out.

Great Portland

NOBODY can accuse Richard Peskin, chairman of Great Portland Estates, of not being frank with shareholders. A year ago, he set alarm bells ringing when GPE reported a 12 per cent fall in the value of its City and Holborn properties, the first authoritative confirmation that the Square Mile's boom had turned sour.

Twelve months on and the pain has switched to London's West End, GPE's traditional stamping ground. Mr Peskin, however, is not pulling his punches. GPE's West End portfolio, he confirmed yesterday, had fallen almost 26 per cent in value, significantly exceeding the 16.6 per cent slide reported by Land Securities a fortnight ago.

This dismal performance was largely responsible for GPE's larger than expected fall in net asset value per share, which slid 27 per cent to 286p. Given the problems afflicting existing and would-be tenants for the type of properties north of Oxford Street that GPE specialises in, the prospects for recovery this year look faint and a further modest slide seems possible.

Given the difficulties of the property market last year, however, GPE has done about everything its followers could realistically have hoped for, including giving up the unhealthy habit of capitalising interest. December's £70 million purchase of a retail portfolio, for example, not only increased the retail proportion of the investment portfolio to nearly 20 per cent but also quietly expanded the company's issued share capital by almost 10 per cent.

But the downward pull of the real world cannot be defied. Pre-tax profits, which rose impressively to £33.8 million, are unlikely to be exceeded in the current year, leaving little room for manoeuvre on dividend, where last year's total of 10p (9p) was covered just 1.15 times. At 206p, on a discount of only 21 per cent to assets, there could be better opportunities to acquire what remains a quality stock.

De La Rue

SO FAR, so good, at De La Rue. Pre-tax profits up 53 per cent at £58.9 million demonstrate that Jeremy Marshall's reconstruction has exceeded most expectations and the tweak in the dividend was appreciated by the market.

Since more than 85 per cent of business is conducted outside the British Isles, the 1990-1 results were never going to be unduly hampered by the recession and, given that the customers are spread through close to 100 countries, it was able to make light of the American and Australian problems, too.

Money remains the one commodity that no economy can manage without, and even the plastic card has not encroached significantly on the growth of paper notes, as might have been feared.

But De La Rue, whose currency division makes the paper money for the poorer economies and whose payments systems business makes the machinery to do so for the richer countries, knows that a 5 per cent annual increase in the world's notes in circulation is not the stuff of a dynamic Nineties' growth performance.

Margins, overall, were up from 14.5 to 16 per cent and should be prised a little wider this year as cost savings bite. But the time has arrived for the next phase in the Marshall plan — a significant acquisition.

With the restructuring complete, De La Rue needs fresh impetus if its growth rate is not to peter out. With net cash in the balance sheet, it has the resources. Kleinwort Benson is looking for £75 million in the current year, to produce earnings of 37p per share, after a further reduction in the tax charge, thanks to the high overseas profits.

The 10.9 earnings multiple, at 402p, looks high enough until the next move is clearer.

Hoechst

Payment of Dividend

NOTICE IS GIVEN to shareholders that following a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 4th June, 1991 a dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1990 of DM 13 per share of DM 50 par value will be paid as from 5th June, 1991 against delivery of Coupon No. 54 from shares of DM 50 or Coupon No. 5 from London Deposit Certificates of DM 5.

Dividend of 26% will be subject to German Capital Yields Tax of 25%.

Coupons may be presented as from 5th June, 1991 to

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from whom appropriate claim forms can be obtained.

The dividend will be paid at the rate of exchange ruling on the day of payment.

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United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 10% unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit.

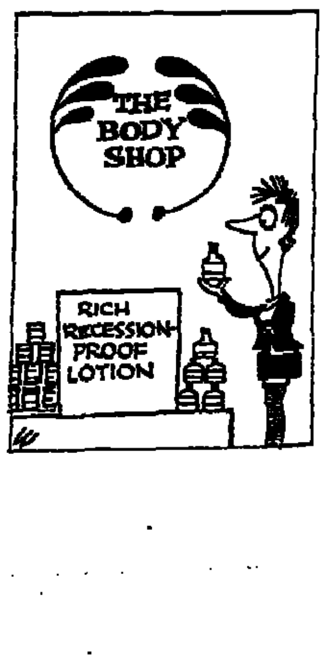
German Capital Yields Tax deducted in excess of 15% is recoverable by United Kingdom residents, and the Company's United Kingdom Paying Agent will, upon request, provide holders with the appropriate forms for such recovery.

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft
Frankfurt am Main, June 1991

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Two views at ICI

SIR Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI, should tread carefully if he decides to launch a pre-emptive strike on Hanson, which set City pulses racing when it took a stake in the group last month. Sir Denys and his advisers are said to be poised to attack Hanson's growth record, no doubt hoping to persuade Lord Hanson to reconsider any takeover plans he might have. Any attack on his balance sheet could in turn drive down the Hanson share price. But perhaps in all the excitement, ICI has forgotten that its combined pension funds — worth a cool £5.9 billion — take a rather different view. Their largest single investment is a 3.5 per cent stake in Hanson.



SUCH are the tastes of the money-merchants. Sydney Frank, a Canadian fund manager in Paris, is far from content with the huge variety of cheeses at his fingertips. He will, it seems, only eat Tesco half-fat cheese and was distraught to find his supply was running low. After a frantic telephone call, he despatched a colleague by train and boat to Dover, where an employee of the local Tesco store was waiting on the dock with a fresh supply. Now everyone is happy. "We wanted to get into Europe," says Tesco.

Youard stick

RICHARD Youard, the investment referee, should practise what he preaches. Despite stressing in his annual report that investors should always read any documents given to them, he appears to rely on more dubious means for his grasp of financial affairs. After a briefing in which he attacked the Securities and Investments Board proposals for investment funds, Youard, an avid bee-keeper, was overheard telling a national newspaper journalist that he had only learned about the proposals from her column. The Securities and Investments Board, which must have threatened several rain forests in its quest for paper, will be horrified to learn that its documents have gone unread in some quarters.

Lowry revisited

THE offices of Save & Prosper will soon be all the more colourful for the sharp eye of Julian Tregoning, a well-heeled director of the unit trust group, and one of the smartest gents within the Square Mile. He was flipping through a catalogue from Phillips, the fine art auction house, when the picture illustrated on the catalogue's cover caught his eye. To his amazement he realised that it was *Council Estate, Lancashire, 1957* by L.S. Lowry, which had been stolen from the Save & Prosper offices in 1985. "It was not only the exact painting but it was still in the original frame," says Tregoning, who rushed round to the auction house to confirm his fears. The painting, which had a reserve of £25,000-£30,000, has subsequently been withdrawn from sale — pending a triumphant return to the directors' dining room at Save & Prosper.

JON ASHWORTH

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares slip lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 3. Dealings end June 14. §Contango day June 17. Settlement day June 24.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	IMI	Industrials E-K	
2	Land Sec	Property	
3	Travis Perkins	Building,Roads	
4	Try Group	Building,Roads	
5	Wessex Water	Water	
6	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
7	Auto Sec	Electricals	
8	Budgen	Foods	
9	CRT Gp	Textiles	
10	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
11	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
12	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
13	Thorntons	Foods	
14	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
15	Proudfoot Alexander	Industrials L-R	
16	Yule Catto	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Sthrn Water	Water	
18	Scot TV	Leisure	
19	CRH	Building,Roads	
20	Yorkshire Water	Water	
21	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
22	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
23	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
25	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Pilkington	Industrials L-R	
27	South West	Water	
28	Boots	Industrials A-D	
29	Wates	Property	
30	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
32	Isotron	Industrials E-K	
33	Birkdale	Paper,Print,Adv	
34	Town Centre	Property	
35	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stores	
36	Manpower	Industrials L-R	
37	Mitel	Electricals	
38	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
39	Burton	Drapery,Stores	
40	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
41	Portals	Industrials L-R	
42	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Dawson	Textiles	
44	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
98%	96%	Treas 8% 1991	98%	● ..	8.10	10.625
99%	98%	Treas C 10% 1991	99%	..	10.0	11.070
100	99%	Exch 11% 1991	100	..	11.0	10.824
99%	98%	Treas 11¾% 1991	99%		..	—
95¼	91%	Treas 3% 1992	95	● ..	3.15	8.254
98	95%	Treas 8% 1992	98	..	8.15	10.373
99%	97%	Treas 10% 1992	99%	..	10.0	10.423
100	98%	Treas C10½% 1992	100	..	10.4	10.408
102%	100%	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	..	12.0	10.388
101%	100%	Treas 12¾% 1992	101%	..	12.5	10.546
104%	102%	Exch 13½% 1992	103%	..	13.0	10.309
93%	89%	Fund 6% 1993	93%	..	6.4	9.392
98%	94	Treas 8¼% 1993	96%	..	8.5	10.327
99%	97%	Treas 10% 1993	99%	..	10.0	10.270
104%	102%	Treas 12½% 1993	103%	–%	12.0	10.381
108%	105%	Treas 13¾% 1993	107	–%	12.8	10.355
96	92%	Treas 8½% 1994	95%	–%	8.8	10.403
98%	98%	Treas 9% 1994	96	–%	9.3	10.382
99%	98%	Treas 10% 1994	99%	●–%	10.0	10.298
108%	103%	Exch 12½% 1994	105%	–%	11.8	10.407
109	105%	Exch 13¾% 1994	107%	–%	12.5	10.379
111%	108%	Treas 14½% 1994	109%	–%	13.2	10.295
89	72%	Gas 3% 1990-95	87%	..	..	..
100%	98%	Exch 10¼% 1995	99%	–%	10.2	10.387
106%	102%	Treas 12% 1995	104%	–%	11.4	10.390
109%	105%	Treas 12¾% 1995	108	–%	11.7	10.411

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
96%	92%	Treas 9% 1992-96	95%	–%	9.3	10.108
100	95%	Conv 10% 1996	98%	–%	10.1	10.398
112%	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	109%	–%	12.0	10.600
113%	109%	Treas 14% 1996	111%	–%	12.5	10.683
119%	115%	Treas 15¼% 1996	117%	–%	13.0	10.644
94%	89%	Treas 8¾% 1997	92%	–%	9.4	10.445
102%	97%	Exch 10½% 1997	99%	–%	10.5	10.498
113%	108%	Treas 13¼% 1997	110%	–%	11.9	10.656
122%	117	Exch 15% 1997	119	–%	12.6	10.795
85%	80%	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	84%	–%	8.0	9.918
99%	93%	Exch 9¾% 1998	96%	–%	10.1	10.542
109%	104%	Exch 12% 1998	106%	–%	11.2	10.651
127%	121%	Treas 15½% 1998	123%	–%	12.6	10.732
97%	92%	Treas 9½% 1999	95%	–%	9.9	10.408
101%	95%	Conv 10¼% 1999	98%	–%	10.4	10.657
102%	97%	Treas 10½% 1999	99%	–%	10.6	10.558
111%	105	Exch 12¼% 1999	108	–%	11.3	10.675
94%	88%	Conv 9% 2000	91%	–%	9.7	10.419
116%	110%	Treas 13% 2000	112%	–%	11.6	10.769
100%	94%	Treas 10% 2001	96%	–%	10.3	10.514
118%	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	114%	–%	12.1	10.866
98%	92%	Treas 9¾% 2002	94%	–%	10.2	10.552
100%	94%	Treas 10% 2003	96%	–%	10.3	10.538
117%	114%	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	117%		..	—
56%	53%	Fund 3½% 1999-04	56%	–%	6.2	8.334
97	90%	Conv 9½% 2004	93	–%	10.2	10.492
108%	102	Treas 11½% 2001-04	104%	–%	10.9	10.713
97%	90%	Conv 9½% 2005	93	–%	10.2	10.486
116%	110%	Treas 12½% 2003-05	112%	–%	11.0	10.807

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
85%	79%	Treas 8% 2002-06	81%	–%	9.8	10.430
90	84%	Treas 8½% 2007	86	–%	9.8	10.298
112%	105%	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	107%	–%	10.9	10.580
94%	88%	Treas 9% 2008	90%	–%	9.9	10.211
125%	118%	Treas 13½% 2004-08	120%	–%	11.2	10.566
85%	80	Treas 8% 2009	81%	–%	9.7	10.225
94%	88%	Conv 9% 2011	89%	–%	10.0	10.155
60%	58%	Treas 5½% 2008-12	59%	–%	9.1	10.128
82%	76%	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	78%	–%	9.9	10.211
121%	113%	Exch 12% 2013-17	115%	● ..	10.3	10.230

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1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
25%	23%	Consols 2½%	24%	● ..	..	—
59%	57%	Conv 3½%	58	–%	..	—
40%	37%	Consols 4%	38%	..	..	—
25%	23%	Treas 2½%	23%	..	..	—
29%	28%	Treas 3%	28%	–%	..	—
35%	33%	War Ln 3½%	34%	..	..	—

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1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge
129	125%	Treas IL 2% 1992	129	+%
118%	115%	Treas IL 2% 1994	117%	
172%	168%	Treas IL 2% 1996	172%	–%
142%	137%	Treas IL 2½% 2001	141%	–%
138%	133%	Treas IL 2½% 2003	137%	
140%	135	Treas IL 2% 2006	139%	–%
129%	124%	Treas IL 2½% 2009	127%	–%
132%	128%	Treas IL 2½% 2011	131%	–%
109%	105%	Treas IL 2½% 2013	108%	–%
117%	113%	Treas IL 2½% 2016	116	–%
113%	109%	Treas IL 2½% 2020	112	–%
95%	91%	Treas IL 2½% 2024	93%	–%

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
298	211	Abbey National	274	277	-4	12.7	4.6	9.5
183	126	Allied Irish	187	177 ●	+4		—	—
60	30	Ansbacher (Henry)	27	32	–	2.0	6.7	–
185	121	Aus New Z	156	160	-1	–	–	–
23¼	12¼	Bankamerica	23¼		● -¼	–	–	–
208	139	Bank of Ireland	177	185 ●	+3	..b	–	–
19¼	19¼	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	–			
350	350	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	–	21.3	6.1	5.0
121¼	91	Bank Of Scotland	104	105 a	-¼	5.4	5.2	13.8
70	35	Bank Of Wales	67	72 ●	–	3.7	5.3	–
489	327	Barclays	440	443	-5	28.2	6.4	23.4
12	5	Benchmark	3	6 r	–			
285	195	Brown Shipley	260	270	–	10.7	4.0	8.6
27	12¼	[illegible]	19	21	–	..b		
464	384	Cater Allen	443	452	–	33.5	7.5	11.3
78	52	Cattles	71	73	–	5.1	7.1	10.3
44	38	Chancery	–		–	..f	–	–
11¼	5¼	Chase Manhattan	11¼		+¼	–	–	–
10	5¼	Citicorp	9¼		-¼			
252	225	Close Bros	235	243	–	10.9	4.8	12.3
93¼	75¼	Commerzbank	88¼		-1¼	–	–	–
231¼	191¼	Deutsche Bank	222¼		-5¼	–	–	–
213	152	First Nat Fin	173	177	-1	17.3	9.9	9.6
23	23	GPG			..	..f		
355	303	Gerrard Nat	320	330 ●	–	27.3	8.4	14.5
78	35	Guinness Mahon	35	40 r	–	–	–	–
195	174	HSBC	182	186	+2	–	–	–
302	204	Hambros	268	275	-1	15.9	5.8	8.7
413	378	Joseph (Leopold)	395	420	–	21.1	5.2	12.6
153	121	King & Shaxson	130	135 ●	-1	13.7	10.3	12.8
377	249	Kleinwort Benson	323	330	-1	21.3	6.5	–
379	258	Lloyds	340	343	-5	20.4	6.0	13.8
63	47	Lon Scot Bk	53	55	-1	3.7	6.9	10.0
235	150	Midland	212	217	-2	12.0	5.6	–
308	207	Nat Aust Bk	297	301	–			
352	247	Nat West	315	319	-3	23.3	7.4	23.9
512	390	Provident	473	477	+2	31.3	6.8	10.4
45	24	Rea Bros	35	40	–	0.7	1.8	–
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	181	184 ●	–	11.2	6.1	6.6
840	640	Schroders	800	820	-5	18.7	2.3	16.1
413	205	Stand Chart	348	353	-1	26.7	7.6	18.2
165	124	TSB	146	148	-3	8.5	5.8	12.1
600	540	Union Disc	547	557	-3	46.7	8.5	21.4
485	314	Warburg SG	435	440 ●	-2	21.3	4.9	10.8
163	109	Do 6% 'A'	149	152	–	8.0	5.3	–
56	25	Wells Fargo	55¼		-¼	–	–	–
222	128	Westpac	208	212	-1	–	–	–
353	286	Wintrust	340	348	–	11.9	3.5	9.3

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
584	460	Allied-Lyons	551	553 ●	–	25.1	4.5	14.7
10¼	882	Bass	970	977 r	-4	44.4	4.6	10.1
175	124	Boddington	148	150	-2	8.0	5.4	11.4
253	173	Bulmer (H P)	245	252	–	10.6	4.3	18.7
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	133	142	-1	5.3	3.8	12.9
245	135	Devenish (JA)	208	215	+2	7.3	3.4	15.6
73	51	Fosters Brewing Gp	67	68	-1	–	–	–
839	623	Grand Met	784	788	-1½	28.3	3.7	13.8
360	274	Greenall Wht	333	339 ●	–	13.9	4.1	12.9
454	374	Greene King	437	445	-3	13.6	3.1	15.7
977	717	Guinness	904	908	-4	25.0	2.8	16.1
9¼	870¼	Hardys & Hansons	9¼	10	–	44.7	4.5	12.1
279	225	Highland Dist	257	264	–	8.6	2.5	19.8
167	130	Invergordon Dist	180	184	-1	6.7	4.1	13.4
455	420	Mansfield	450	458	–	15.3	3.4	11.8
218	165	Marston Thompson	195	198	–	5.6	2.8	18.0
410	357	Matthew Clark	365	385	–	18.0	4.8	13.6
345	240	Morland	310	340 ●	-3	8.9	2.7	18.0
918	558	SA Breweries	910	925 ●	+25	–	–	–
409	336	Scot & New	390	393	-2	18.2	4.8	14.1
254	174	Vaux Group	223	228 ●	-1	11.8	5.2	11.7
512	409	Whitbread 'A'	500	505 ●	-2	21.7	4.3	10.6
13¼	13¼	Do 'B'	13	13¼ ●	–	21.7	1.6	28.1
505	399	Wolvrhmptn & D	467	495 ●	–	12.9	2.6	13.9
470	389	Young 'A'	450	470 ●	-3	17.3	3.8	16.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	50	60	–	..*	–	–
280	178	Amec	215	219 r	-3	13.5	6.2	10.6
74	17	Anglia Sec	45	48	–	–	–	–
98	73	Arncliffe	–		–	8.0f	–	–
260	181	Attwoods	208	212	-1	6.5	3.1	18.3
252	171	BPB Ind	204	206	-4	15.0	7.3	8.8
106	69	Baggeridge Brick	90	97	–	4.2	4.5	11.1
50	25	Bailey (Ben) Constr	25	30	–	1.5	5.4	2.9
128	57	Barratt Devs	104	107	-3	12.0	11.3	11.2
180	82	Beazer PLC	180	181 ●	+½	10.3	5.7	10.4
277¼	192	Bellway	225	230 ●	–	14.7	6.4	12.0
19	9¼	Bellwinch	8	11	–	–	–	–
351	212	Berkeley Gp	342	345 r	-3	6.0	1.7	12.4
153	107	Bett Bros	140	150 ●	-2	8.5	5.8	11.0
120	90	Blockleys	112	120 ●	-1	8.4	5.5	12.7
288	198	Blue Circle	235	237 ●	-1	15.0	6.4	10.4
606	435	Boot (Henry)	590	590	-2	33.3	5.7	10.5
111	69	Breedon PLC	100	106	–	6.1	5.9	10.7
135	93	Br Dredging	120	123	–	9.9	8.1	8.3
120	89	Bryant	106	108	-1	6.4	6.0	16.7
105	78	CALA	93	97	–	4.5	4.7	12.5
269	187	CRH	233	240	+8			
60	33	Cakebread Robey	45	53 ●	-1	4.0	8.2	4.3
57	25	Conder Grp	27	33	-2	0.4	1.3	–
222	140	Costain	172	175 r	-3	16.3	9.4	–
154	78	Countryside	118	125	–	5.5	4.5	–
133	85	Crest Nicholson	97	100	-1	10.2	10.3	32.9
110	54	Cussins	53	55 r	-2	5.0	9.3	–
453	295	Douglas (RM)	415	435	–	14.0	3.3	8.8
47½	29	Edmond Hldgs	40	41	–	2.5	6.2	10.0
77	49	Erith	68	73 r	–	5.2	7.3	17.9
117	75	Evered Bardon	82	84 ●	-1	7.5	9.0	6.5
5½	2	Finlan Gp	3	4½	–	–	–	–
104	71	Galliford	88	91	–	5.7	6.3	11.1
90	80	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	80	95	–	..*	–	–
828	583	Gleeson (MJ)	780	800 ●	–	14.8	1.9	10.8
110	75	Graham Wood	70	80	–	10.7	14.3	2.2
91	48	Harrison Ind	65	70	–	8.5	12.5	4.5
100¼	64	Hewden-Stuart	84	86 ●	-1	4.0	4.7	9.3
308	229	Heywood Williams	261	268	–	16.7	6.3	10.8
368	253	Higgs & Hill	257	260 r	+2	26.7	10.3	28.5
41	26	How Gp	31	34 ●	–	4.8	14.5	6.8
27	16	Howard Hldgs	18	21	–	–	–	9.5
124	67	Ibstock Johnsen	85	89 ●	–	8.0	9.1	10.1
90	56	Jarvis	68	73 ●	–	2.7	3.8	16.9
347	254	Laing (J)	282	285 ●	-10	17.3	6.1	30.1
64	23	Lawrence (Walter)	36	40 ●	–	6.0	15.8	32.5
81	39	Lilley	46½	47½ ●	+1	3.3	7.0	6.6
206	108	Lovell (YJ)	128	132 r	–	11.9b	9.2	7.7
188	133	Manders	180	183	–	9.3	5.1	16.6
137	87	Marley	115	118	-1½	8.5	7.4	41.3
106	62	Marshalls	90	95	+1	6.7	7.2	6.4
131	80	Maunders (J)	114	117	–	6.8	5.7	8.0
306	213	McAlpine (Alfred)	240	245 r	+2	13.7	5.6	22.6
117	38	McCarthy & S	77	79 ●	-1	1.3	1.7	–
483	358	Meyer Int	408	410	-4	22.0	5.4	8.9
356	234	Mowlem (John)	280	285 r	+1	28.0	9.9	12.0
44	19	NSM	20	22	-1	4.7	22.4	2.8
185	112	Newman Tonks	146	150	–	12.4	8.4	9.7
284	187	Persimmon	250	252	–	11.5	4.6	10.9
55	33	Phoenix Timber	33	35	–	1.7	5.0	13.1
10	8½	Pochins	9	10	–	32.0	3.4	5.8
201	160	Prowting	158	162 ●	–	6.7	4.2	23.2
749	594	RMC Gp	645	651	+8	25.7	4.0	11.5
133	83	Raine Ind	118	120	+2	7.7	6.5	8.5
658	503	Redland	582	584 ●	+11	33.3	5.9	10.8
190	135	Rugby Group	153	157	-3	8.6	5.5	10.4
98	81	Sharpe & Fisher	93	98 ●	-1	5.3	5.5	–
161	103	Sheffield Insl	148	152	–	7.2	4.8	10.1
197	161	Smart (J)	194	198	–	9.9	5.1	8.1
23	15¼	Starmin	19	20 ●	–	0.1	0.5	37.5
424	309	Steetley	348	351	+5	18.7	5.3	10.4
283	216	Tarmac	223	227 ●	-2	15.0	6.7	14.3
166	106	Tay Homes	148	152	–	6.4	4.3	5.8
269	192	Taylor Woodrow	217	219 r	-2	12.7	5.8	13.4
725	506	Tilbury Group	690	700 ●	–	44.0	6.3	9.9
251	188	Travis Perkins	215	220 ●	+1	10.7	4.9	20.2
63	43	Try Group	44	49	+1	8.0	17.0	9.2
150	43	Turriff	40	47	–	5.7	13.0	–
123	66	Vibroplant	96	100	–	4.8	4.8	4.9
208	120	Ward Group	170	183 ●	–	9.6	5.4	7.1
100	70	Ward Hldgs	72	77	–	3.5	4.7	–
428	388	Watts Blake	380	388 ●	+4	12.4	3.2	14.6
300	152	Westbury	152	155 ●	–	12.0b	7.8	–
62	6	Wiggins	27	30	–	–	–	–
428½	335½	Wilson Bowden	390	394	-1	11.1	2.8	13.7
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	180	183 ●	–	5.0	2.7	17.4
229	164	Wimpey G	207	208	-½	14.0	6.7	22.1
78	43	YRM	63	68	–	6.7	10.2	4.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Allied Colloids	145	147	+10	4.3	2.9	14.1
392	301	Amersham	322	327	-6	15.7	4.8	17.5
42½	29¼	Anglo Utd	38½	40	–	1.9	4.8	9.5
208	148	BTP	195	197	–	11.2	5.7	14.6
99	72½	Bayer DM50	97½		-½			
201	129	Blagden	187	190	-1	12.7	6.7	10.5
167	121	Brent Chems	138	140	–	9.9	7.1	11.9
92	42	Caird Gp	88	89 ●	+1	5.2	5.9	44.7
154	94	Canning (W)	128	132 ●	–	9.7	7.5	11.5
203	146	Croda	164	167 ●	+2	14.7	8.9	9.8
209	165	Ellis & Everard	190	197	–	9.4	4.8	11.0
18	14½	European Colour	15½	17 ●	–	0.8	5.5	13.6
134	86	Evode	84	87	–	8.8	10.0	11.2
294	202	Halstead (James)	285	290	–	14.3	5.0	8.7

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	297	300	+1	20.4	6.5	8.6
338	263	Northumbrian	312	317	–	21.4	5.8	4.7
318	287	North West	300	303	-1	21.0	5.6	8.1
303¼	231	Severn Trent	278	282	–	18.8	5.7	8.1
300	229	Sthrn Water	275	280	+2	20.0	5.7	7.5
337	255	South West	333	335	+2	20.7	7.3	5.0
323	253	Thames Water	306	309	–	21.4	5.7	9.3
358	272	Welsh Water	327	333	-1	22.4	6.6	6.5
368	255	Wessex Water	338	342	+3	20.3	6.0	7.9
330	294	Yorkshire Water	320	323	+1	23.6	6.0	7.5
£3130	£1000	Package Unit	£3016		–			

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	Jun 4 midday	Jun 3 close		Jun 4 midday	Jun 3 close		Jun 4 midday	Jun 3 close
Abbott Lab	50%	50%	Enron	60	60%	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	41%	41%	Entergy	24	24	Pac Ent	31%	31%
Ahmanson	19%	19%	Ethyl	30%	30%	Pac Gas Elec	26	26
Air Prods	73	72%	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	39%	39%
Albertsons	42%	42%	Fed NMA	51	51	Paccar	48%	48%
Alcan Al	21%	21%	Fedrl Expre	42%	41%	Pacificorp	21	21
Alco Stand	32%	33%	Ft Norstar	24%	24%	Pall	38	38
Allied Signal	29%	29%	Fluor	49%	50%	Paramount	39%	39%
Alumin CA	71%	71%	FMC	42%	42%	Parker-Hanfn	30	30%
Am Brands	41%	42%	Ford Motor	38	38%	Penney	56%	57%
Am Cyanmd	64%	65	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	69%	69%
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	27%	27%	Pepsico	31%	30%
Am General	38%	39%	Fst Intrsta	39%	40%	Pfizer	58	58%
Am Home	58%	58%	Fst Union	22%	22%	Phlps Pet	27	27%
Am Intl	89	88%	Gannett	43%	44	Philips Elec	19%	20
Am Medical	12%	12%	Gen Cinema	23%	24	Philip Morris	65%	65%
Am Stores	85%	85%	Gen Elec	76%	77%	Phlps Dodge	64%	65%
Amax	25%	25%	Gen Mills	57%	58	Pitney Bow	59%	59%
Amer Hess	53%	53%	Gen Motors	42%	43	Plcr Dome	13	13%
Ameritech	59%	59%	Gen RE	94%	94%	PNC Fincl	38%	38%
Amex	25%	25%	Gen Signal	46%	46%	Pnhdle Estn	12%	12%
Amoco	52	52%	Genentech	26%	26%	Polaroid	25%	25%
AMP	55%	55%	Genuine Pts	42%	44%	PPG Inds	53%	54%
AMR	66%	67%	Georgia-Pac	58%	58%	Prctr Gmble	83%	83%
Anheuser-B	49%	50%	Gillette	35%	35%	Price	54%	54%
Apple Comp	49	49%	Goodrich	39%	40	Primerica	31%	31%
Archer-Dan	22%	22%	Goodyear	28%	27	Pub Service	26%	26%
Arkla	18%	18%	Grace	34%	34%	Quaker Oats	58%	57%
Armstrong	29%	29%	Greyhound	34%	34%	Ralston Pur	52%	53%
Asarco	25%	25%	Gt Atlantic	47%	47%	Raychem	31	31%
Ashland Oil	32%	32%	Gt Western	18%	19	Raytheon	84%	85%
AT&T	36%	36%	GTE	29%	29%	Reebok	22%	22%
Atlan Richfld	123	123%	Hallibrtn	45%	45%	Roadway	64%	64%
Auto DP	34%	34%	Heinz	35	37%	Rockwell	27%	27%
Avery Intl	25%	25	Hercules	40%	40%	Rohm Haas	42%	43%
Avon Prod	45%	44%	Hershey Fd	43%	43%	Royal Dutch	82%	82%
Baltimore	28%	29%	Hewlett Pkd	53%	54	Rubbermaid	52%	53%
Banc One	38%	38%	Hilton Htl	48%	48%	Rynlds Mtl	62%	63%
Bankamerica	39%	39%	Home Depot	64%	65%	Safeco	40%	40%
Bard	25	25%	Homestake	15%	16%	Salomon	34%	35%
Barnett Bk	30%	31	Honeywell	63%	63%	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8%
Bausch Lmb	65	65%	Houston Ind	36%	36%	Sara Lee	39%	39%
Baxter Intl	33%	33%	Hsehld Intl	61	60%	Schecorp	38%	39
Bec Dickin	75%	75%	Humana	49%	50%	Schlumbgr	63%	64%
Bell Atlan	45%	46%	IBM	104%	105%	Schrg-Plgh	51	50%
Bellsouth	48%	48%	IFF	80%	81%	Scott Papr	44%	45
Bkr Hughes	28%	28%	Illinois TW	63%	63%	Seagram	108%	109%
Black Decker	15%	15%	Inco	35%	35%	Sears Rbk	40%	40%
Block	52%	53%	Ingsol-Rand	52%	52%	Secrty Pac	27%	27
Bnkrs Tst NY	53%	54%	Inland Steel	22%	22%	Shrwn-Wlms	26%	25%
Boeing	48%	48%	Intel	57%	58%	Skyline	17	17%
Boise Casc	27%	27	Intl Paper	71%	72%	Snap-on Tls	31%	30%
Borden	38	37%	ITT	62%	62%	Southern	26%	26%
Brist-Myer	79%	79%	James River	26%	26%	St Paul	65	65
Browng-Fer	28%	29%	Johnsn Jhsn	88%	88%	Stanley Wk	37%	37%
Burl Nth	33%	35%	K Mart	48%	49%	Stone Cntr	21%	22
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	97%	97	Sun Co	32%	32%
Campbell Sp	78	77%	Kerr-McGee	42%	42%	Suntst Bk	29%	29%
Cap Cities	471%	465%	Kimbly-Clrk	95%	95%	Super Valu	27%	28
Capital HC	48%	48%	Knght-Rddr	56%	57	SW Bell	60	60%
Carolina	45%	45%	Lilly	78	77%	Syntex	39%	39%
Caterpillar	52%	53%	Limited	29%	29%	Sysco	42%	41%
CBS	165%	166%	Lin Brdcstg	69%	68	Tandem	17	17
Central SW	44%	45	Lincln Nat	48%	48%	Tandy	34%	33%
Champion	26%	26%	Litton Ind	82	82%	Tele-comm	16%	16%
Chase Man	20	19%	Lockheed	41%	41%	Teledyne	20%	20%
Chem Bnkg	21	21	Louis-Pac	43%	44	Temple-In	45%	45%
Chevron	73%	74%	Manu Hano	25%	25%	Tenneco	45%	45%
Chrysler	14%	15%	Marriott	20%	21%	Texaco	64%	65%
Chubb	69%	69%	Marsh Mclen	77%	78%	Texas Inst	39%	40
Cigna	50	50%	Martin Mar	58%	59%	Texas Util	35	35%
Citicorp	16%	16%	Masco	25%	25%	Textron	34%	34%
Clbrne Liz	49	49%	May Dept	59%	60%	Time Wrnr	117%	119%
Clorox	40	40%	Maytag	16	16%	Times Mirr	30%	31
Cmwlth Edis	36%	36%	McDnl Doug	56%	54%	Timken	27%	27%
CNA Fincl	79%	79%	McDonalds	34%	34%	Torchmark	55%	55%
Coastal	36	36%	McGraw-Hill	63%	63%	Toys R Us	30%	30%
Coca-Cola	56%	56%	MCI Com	29%	30%	Transam	33%	34%
Colgate-Pal	39%	40	Mead	36%	36%	Travelers	24	24%
Columb Gas	40	40%	Medtronic	115	116%	Tribune	47	47%
Compaq	37%	36%	Mellon Bk	30	30%	TRW	43	43%
Conagra	44%	44%	Melville	52%	53%	Tyco Lab	49%	50%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	116%	116%	UAL	158%	155%
Cons NG	42	42	Merll Lynch	40%	40%	Un Camp	46%	46%
Cons Rail	56%	56%	MM&M	94%	95	Un Carbide	20%	20%
Cooper Ind	55%	56%	Mobil	65%	66%	Un Pacific	88%	89%
Corning	61%	61%	Monsanto	67%	68	Unilever	84%	85%
CPC Intl	87%	87	Moore	28	28%	Unisys	4%	3%
Crown Cork	74%	74%	Morgan	54%	54%	Unocal	25%	26%
CSX	46%	46%	Motorola	69%	70%	Upjohn	44%	44%
Dana	35%	35%	Nat Medical	46%	47	US West	38%	38%
Dayton-Hud	77%	78%	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	17%	18
Deere	56%	56%	Nat Service	25	25%	USF&G	10%	10%
Delta Air	76	77	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	36%	39%
Deluxe	42%	42%	NCNB	42	42%	UST	42%	44%
Detroit Edi	28%	29	NCR	105	105	USX Mar	n/a	n/a
Digital Eq	67%	67%	NED Bncp	39%	39%	Utd Tech	47	47
Dillard	129%	130%	Newmnt Min	37%	37%	Utd Telcm	28%	28%
Disney	117%	118%	Niagr Mhwk	15%	15	VF	31%	31
Dominion	46%	47%	Nike	40%	39%	Wal-Mart	41%	42%
Donnelley	47%	47%	NL Indstrs	15	15%	Waste Mgmt	40%	40%
Dover	42%	43%	Nordstorm	46	46	Wells Fargo	94%	94%
Dow Chem	55%	56%	Norflk Sthn	48	49%	Westg Elec	29%	30%
Dow Jones	29%	28%	Norwest	29	28%	Weyerhsr	29%	30%
Dresser Ind	23%	22%	Nthn St Pwr	33%	34%	Whirlpool	33%	33
Du Pont	46%	47%	Nthn Telcm	37%	37%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	27%	27%	NY Times	24%	23%	Winn-Dixie	38%	38
Dun Bradst	48%	48%	Nynex	70%	71%	Woolworth	33%	34%
East Kodak	42%	43%	Occid Petrl	20%	20%	Wrigley	62%	62%
Eaton	60%	60	Ohio Edi	17%	18%	Wrner-Lamb	70%	69%
Emerson El	49%	50%	Oracle Sys	9%	8%	Xerox	56%	57%

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,839	Cadbury	2,402	Lonrho	1,288	Royal Bank	1,180
Alld-Lyons	1,544	CU	891	Lucas	962	Royal Ins	395
Anglian	1,068	Courtaulds	835	M&S	3,653	Sainsbury	540
ASDA	1,328	Enterprise	762	Maxwell Cm	924	Scot & N	318
AB Foods	388	Eurotunnel	30	MEPC	172	Sears	792
Argyll	772	Fisons	1,363	Midland	1,826	Severn Trnt	1,990
Arjo Wiggins	296	Gen Acc	300	Natl Power	6,053	Shell	2,351
BAA	528	GEC	2,757	Nat West	1,406	Smith & N	4,576
BET	1,779	Glaxo	2,038	N W Water	1,364	SK Beech	3,581
BTR	1,029	Grand Met	1,170	P&O	830	Sun Allnce	709
BAT	1,135	GUS 'A'	168	Pearson	2,437	Tarmac	822
Barclays	2,344	GRE	932	Pilkington	1,585	Tate Lyle	506
Bass	254	Guinness	1,163	PowerGen	3,786	TSB	5,587
BICC	518	Hamm 'A'	189	Prudential	2,941	Tesco	1,279
Bk Scotlnd	571	Hanson	12,135	Racal	2,399	Thames Wtr	1,411
Blue Circle	1,788	H & C	548	Rk Hovis	2,056	Thorn EMI	534
BOC	187	Hawker	391	Rank	464	Trafalgar	2,165
Boots	1,810	Hillsdown	675	R&C	332	THF	1,260
Br Aero	1,152	ICI	1,430	Redland	1,067	Ultramar	684
Br Airways	3,153	Kingfisher	522	Reed	833	Unilever	599
Br Gas	7,547	Lasmo	378	Reuters	879	United Bis	2,091
Br Petrol	6,444	Ladbroke	938	RMC Gp	617	Wellcome	380
Br Steel	2,242	Land Sec	1,099	RTZ	889	Whitbrd	1,553
Br Telecm	4,013	L&G	596	R-Royce	4,587	Williams	863
C&W	1,509	Lloyds	2,583	Rothmn 'B'	137	Willis Cor	665

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New York:
Dow Jones ..... 3012 30 (−23.03)*
S&P Composite ..... 385 56 (−2.50)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 25556.86 (−355.75)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 3667.62 (−20.52)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1155.53 (−6.58)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 95.1 (−0.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 1509 2 (−14 7)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1685.38 (−8.73)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 547.5 (−4.5)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1204.65 (−3.73)
FT.— "500" .... 1335.84 (−3.47)
FT. Gold Mines .... 182.0 (+1.0)
FT. Fixed interest .... 93.43 (−0.06)
FT. Govt Secs .... 83.77 (−0.21)
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STOCK MARKET

Philip Morris visit lifts Cadbury and UB

PHILIP Morris, the big American tobacco and food group, moved into the City yesterday and gave the speculators a mouth-watering opportunity to push some shares in the food manufacturing sector sharply higher.

The American group's arrival was accompanied by stories that it wants to expand in Europe after last year's $3.8 billion acquisition of Suchard, the Swiss confectionery group. Two old takeover favourites, **Cadbury Schweppes**, up 7p at 369p, and **United Biscuits**, 11p better at 375p, were prominent.

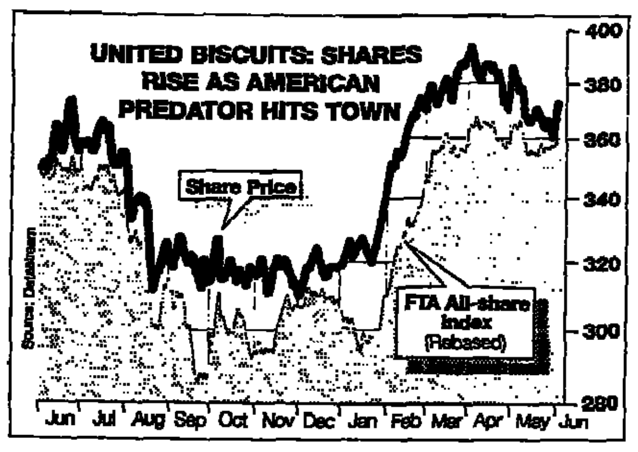
There was talk that Philip Morris had already discussed its plans with Warburg Securities, which was now pushing the shares of both the British companies. But Warburg's version of events is a little different. It had spoken to Philip Morris, as it does every year, but it feels that the prospect of another sizeable acquisition so soon after Suchard was unlikely. Warburg has just published a review of the food sector and has pegged its profit forecasts for both Cadbury and UB while other brokers continue to reduce their estimates.

Harvey & Thompson, the pawnbroker, fell a further 19p to 159p after returning from suspension on Monday. But Smith New Court says this is a turning point. The future lies with Lightship, its American fee-based manager of commercial paper, with pawnbroking providing solid support.

Warburg expects taxable profits at United Biscuits to grow from £198 million to £211 million this year followed by £235 million next year, while Cadbury is expected to advance from £280 million to £316 million this time followed by £345 million next year.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market made a hesitant start despite Wall Street reaching another closing high overnight. Lack of support by the institutions and the uncertain economic and political backdrop have stopped investors from chasing prices higher. The FT-SE 100 Index finished 9.8 lower at 2,506.0 in thin trading which saw only 371 million shares change hands. The bulk of this resulted from dealers arbitraging and covering positions between the futures and the cash market. The FT index of 30 shares lost 6.0 to 1,962.8.

Government securities spent a lacklustre day, closing with losses of more than £½ at the longer end.



Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, fell 26p to 819p on fresh worries about increased competition for Dealing 2000-02, its screen-based trading system for foreign exchange markets. A consortium of a dozen banks is considering backing a plan that is being developed by Quotron, an American group. Further details are expected at a foreign exchange seminar in Madrid this week.

Thames Water was steady at 308p despite an impressive set of full-year figures — the first since the company was privatised — showing pre-tax profits climbing from £187 million to £212 million. Roy Watts, the chairman, said that two-thirds of group profits would be ploughed back into the business and the remainder would go towards paying the dividend. The London Water Ring Main project was still ahead of schedule.

North West Water lifted its full-year pre-tax profits by £38 million to £215 million. It is also expanding its specialist engineering operations with two acquisitions, totalling £87 million. It is paying nearly £80 million for Wallace and Tiernan, an American group, with the remainder being spent on Edwards and Jones, a sludge-handling systems group. This brings the sum spent by North West on acquisitions in the past six months to £138 million. The shares responded to the news with a fall of 1p to 302p.

The rest of the water companies were mixed although there were gains for **Anglian**, 1p at 299p, **Southern**, 2p to 278p, **South West**, 2p at 297p, **Wessex**, 3p at 340p, and **Yorkshire**, 1p at 322p.

Anita Roddick's **Body Shop** shrugged off the effects of the recession with a rise in full-time pre-tax profits of £5.5 million to £20 million. Worldwide sales were up 39 per cent and the group will be opening a further 160 shops this year. But the shares finished 15p lower at 264p.

De La Rue, the security printer, pleased the market with a set of full-year figures showing the company back on course. Pre-tax profits jumped from £38.5 million to £58.9 million with the group claiming that order books for all three divisions were strong. The shares jumped 24p to 402p.

Analysts came away from a meeting with Siebe largely impressed which helped to account for the rise of 24p in the price to 414p. Pre-tax profits of this specialist engineer were 12 per cent down at £159.1 million but it was better than the City had been expecting. The group said the final outcome was due to rigorous cost-cutting that might have been even more effective had it not been for currency fluctuations.

RMC Group, 9p at 649p, and **Redland**, 12p better at 564p, managed to recover from some of their recent losses, cheered by several items of good news from the Continent. The first-quarter rise of 2.5 per cent in the German gross national product encouraged both companies, which have extensive interests there.

A buy recommendation from County NatWest WoodMac lifted Boots 4p to 385p before the full-year figures tomorrow. County is looking for an increase of £14 million to £356 million against a depressed retailing backdrop but says its core business provides considerable protection.

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Intl	84.00	89.08	+0.82	1.47
City/Gth	50.63	53.89	+0.19	5.57
Global Gth Sec	61.77	65.07	+0.05	1.82
Ethical	49.09	52.50●	-0.95	3.10
High Inc Equity	140.1	149.0	+0.6	5.70
W'wide Bond	204.9	217.2●	+0.6	8.91
Gilt/Fixed	110.4	117.0●	-2.3	9.83
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
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Am Inc/Gth	31.13	33.06	+0.82	2.42
Euro	73.91	78.39	+0.15	0.00
Euro Inc	76.92	81.15●	+0.32	1.52
Exempt	757.4	782.7	+6.6	5.25
Extra Inc	39.46	42.81●	-0.31	8.57
F/E Emerg Ec	54.21	58.21	+0.56	1.10
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	359.7	382.0	+2.9	5.25
Equity Inc	195.5	208.2	+1.5	5.14
High Yield	205.8	219.1●	+1.3	5.29
Balanced	534.8	569.0●	-4.2	3.24
Am Inc	35.13	37.41	+0.36	4.01
World Ass Val	33.20	35.35	+0.25	1.56
Japan	140.6	148.7	..	0.01
Sec of Am	315.4	335.9●	+4.4	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capit	89.93	95.47	+0.37	3.58
Euro Gth Inc	96.84	103.3	+0.10	1.35
Extra Inc	95.46	102.1	+0.19	6.17
General	197.2	210.9	+1.1	3.83
Gt/Fxd Income	60.34	62.17●	-0.02	10.20
Inc Trust	437.0	467.4	-0.1	5.88
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	67.99	72.01	+1.21	0.50
Am Sm Cos	75.72	80.44●	+0.99	0.30
Australia	56.89	61.07●	+0.73	1.90
Convertible	45.45	48.61	-0.14	8.60
East	139.7	147.9	+1.6	1.20
Equity Inc	76.42	81.29●	+0.26	6.40
Euro Gth	180.5	191.3●	-0.3	2.70
Euro Smlr Cos	158.8	168.7●	+0.1	1.20
Exmpt	66.65	70.87	..	4.20
German Gth	46.26	49.18●	-0.23	0.80
Global Gth	83.34	88.97	+0.91	0.10
Jap Gth	199.6	211.5	+0.9	0.00
Jap Sunrise	151.1	161.2	+0.9	0.00
Portfolio	96.22	100.2	+0.34	3.70
Do Acc	161.8	168.5	+0.8	3.70
UK Growth	55.92	59.48	-0.02	3.90
UK Smlr Cos	71.28	76.29●	-0.01	3.40
Select Man	53.31	56.71	+0.21	2.40
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	79.20	84.71	+0.24	3.15
Do Inc	74.79	79.99	+0.23	3.15
Global Bond	22.25	23.77●	-0.03	8.28
High Yield Acc	41.30	44.17	+0.02	4.49
Do Inc	32.96	35.25	+0.02	4.49
Inc Gth Acc	62.09	66.41●	+0.12	4.36
Do Inc	43.98	47.03●	+0.08	4.36
Service Co Acc	65.67	70.23●	-0.01	1.95
Do Inc	62.66	67.01●	-0.01	1.95
Am Gth Acc	32.63	34.89	+0.36	1.51
Do Inc	32.02	34.24	+0.36	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	27.38	29.29	+0.13	1.55
Do Inc	26.88	28.74	+0.12	1.55
Managed Port	25.10	26.86	+0.07	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	110.6	117.5	-0.5	4.01
Smlr Cos Acc	189.7	197.8	+0.3	0.80
Do Inc	111.8	119.1	+0.2	1.93
High Inc	67.85	72.26	-0.10	6.05
Income	98.45	106.1	-0.71	6.11
Man Portf Inc	82.80	87.87	+0.40	2.36
Do Acc	150.1	159.9	+0.7	2.20
Nth Amer	76.32	81.29	+2.59	0.27
Orient	110.7	118.1●	+0.7	0.36
Exempt	283.3	298.3●	+0.5	4.52

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
F East/Gen	52.01	55.33●	+0.47	0.00
Do Acc	52.01	55.53●	+0.42	0.00
Gamblers	237.0	252.2	+3.8	2.11
Do Acc	256.9	273.3	+4.1	2.11
Growth	286.6	304.9	+1.7	3.07
Do Acc	430.4	458.2	+2.7	3.07
Inc &Gth Inc	326.1	347.0	+1.9	5.07
Do Acc	396.1	421.4	+2.4	5.07
Master Portf	283.74	89.15	+0.33	2.95
Do Acc	192.36	97.23	+0.36	2.95
Spec Sits	64.05	68.14	+0.64	3.09
Do Acc	71.23	75.86	+0.73	3.09
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.15	10.47●	+0.06	5.70
Do Acc	£10.66	11.30●	+0.07	5.70
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 2, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-955 5050 Dealings : 071-955 5055				
Amer Index	150.9	161.0	+2.6	1.50
Capit	468.5	494.8	-3.4	4.01
Euro Index	113.0	120.5	+0.3	1.77
Euro Growth	73.16	78.06	+0.23	1.74
Far East S S	70.19	74.90	+0.36	1.22
Gold Gen S S	65.56	69.86	+1.72	3.52
Income	438.6	468.9	+2.6	5.23
Intl Gth	64.1	68.4	+0.6	2.09
Jap Index	66.93	71.43	+0.15	0.20
N Amer	307.1	327.7	+4.8	1.86
Tiger Index	95.11	101.5	+0.76	1.10
UK Index	107.4	114.6	+0.9	4.09
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	58.16	62.21●	..	1.59
Euro Port	63.63	67.99	..	0.88
Jap Portf	45.15	48.11	..	0.00
Pacific Portf	59.86	64.30●	..	3.36
Portf	59.70	63.86	..	2.89
UK Inc/Gth	56.03	60.32	..	4.77
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	536.5	545.5●	..	5.21
Fixed Int	136.8	137.4●	..	10.35
Deposit	100.0		..	11.65
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	518.1	518.7	..	5.63
Acc	£18.49	18.70	..	
Deposit	100.0		..	11.65
Fixed Int Inc	110.5	110.7	..	10.46
Do Acc	120.9	121.1●	..	..
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PH Tel: 081-663 3030				
Euro Gth	61.91	67.59	+0.39	1.52
1992 Euro Spc	61.91	66.20	+0.39	1.50
Intl Inc	65.78	70.32●	-1.28	3.05
NAm Gth	51.66	55.24	+0.71	1.41
Pacific Gth	79.35	84.86	+1.28	1.70
UK Gth Acc	82.07	87.77	+0.61	2.83
Do Dist	73.01	78.08	+0.54	3.02
UK Income	62.20	66.52	+0.36	6.79
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966				
Assets	49.90	52.53●	+0.37	3.53
Beck Int Cp Ac	61.43	62.95	..	5.58
Friar Hse Inc	167.8	177.6●	+2.0	5.33
Friar Hse Cap	201.3	213.3	+2.1	2.84
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 081-686 9818				
Am Gth	76.18	81.04	..	1.59
Euro Gth	81.49	86.69	..	1.59
Far East	74.83	79.61	..	0.72
Inc	64.57	68.80●	..	5.20
Do Acc	75.86	80.72●	..	5.20
Jap Gwth	35.68	38.02	..	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.34	45.04●	..	10.04
Private Inv Pt	51.98	55.28●	..	5.35
Do Acc	59.59	63.39●	..	5.35
Smlr Cos Inc	28.49	30.31	..	3.45
Do Acc	30.59	32.61	..	3.45
UK/Gen Inc	81.77	85.71●	..	4.18
Do Acc	69.62	74.08●	..	4.18
W'wide Bond	48.86	51.98	..	5.51
W'wide Sp Sits	46.56	49.50	..	1.22

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EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Orient Op Acc	64.07	68.18	+0.66	1.24
Japanese	65.91	69.46	+0.22	0.00
UK Balan Inc	92.87	99.59●	-0.83	3.54
Do Acc	104.7	111.4●	+1.1	3.54
UK Gth Accum	152.5	162.3●	+0.8	2.20
UK HI Inc	110.8	117.9●	+0.5	5.90
UK HI Inc Acc	119.0	126.6●	+0.5	5.90
N Amer Acc	80.92	86.08	+1.39	1.00
Euro Acc	107.6	114.5	+0.8	0.24
UK Pref/Fi Inc	52.83	56.05●	-1.99	8.44
Do Acc	75.72	80.33●	-0.19	8.44
Intl Sp S Acc	41.15	43.78	+0.29	0.86
Emmrnl Opp	59.10	56.49●	+0.21	1.42
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281				
Endurance	145.5	154.7	..	1.84
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equitb Pelican	103.4	108.5	+1.05	5.00
High Inc	107.4	113.0●	+1.35	6.27
Gilt/Fxd Interest	48.94	51.52	-0.01	9.32
T Of Inv Ts	111.4	117.2	+0.77	3.33
Spec Sits	96.29	101.3	+0.87	4.35
N Am	76.26	80.26	+2.74	1.05
Far East	180.7	190.2	+3.16	1.37
Intl Gth	75.94	79.94	+0.86	2.20
Euro	58.49	61.51●	+0.50	1.80
Smlr Cos	55.16	58.06●	-0.14	4.73
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QU Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	255.2	271.5●	+1.1	3.54
Do Inc	191.9	204.2●	+0.9	3.54
Higher Inc Acc	450.8	479.6●	+1.9	5.11
Do Inc	298.5	317.6●	+1.2	5.11
Gilts/Fxd Acc	133.0	140.1	-0.2	9.11
Do Inc	79.62	83.71	-0.17	9.11
N America	166.9	177.6●	+2.3	0.00
Far East	233.2	248.1●	+2.0	0.73
Europe	210.7	224.2	+0.5	0.13
Genl	351.5	374.3	+2.0	3.56
Genl Acc	364.1	387.4	+7.1	3.56
Br Excellence	52.96	56.37●	-0.65	3.46
Br Fdmtls Inc	57.55	61.22	-1.02	6.13
Do Acc	67.56	71.88	-1.21	6.13
Global Ops	56.55	60.16●	+0.46	0.20
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	161.7	171.0	+2.2	0.00
Cash Unit	122.14		●+0.09	12.01
European	99.22	105.9	+0.22	0.00
Gilts/Inc	127.0	135.2c	+0.2	4.83
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UK Gth	50.12	53.75	+0.09	0.00
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Euro Income	83.30	88.65	+0.15	3.15
Far East	121.7	130.0	-1.0	0.00
O'seas Income	68.20	72.81●	-1.29	3.07
UK Growth	71.07	76.01	+0.12	1.80
UK Inc Fund	104.4	111.7●	+0.1	5.19
US Smlr Cos	129.7	138.7	+2.3	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100				
Am Smlr Cos	272.9	298.3	+3.8	..
Do Acc	278.8	302.7	+3.9	..
Am T'md Inc	274.5	298.4	..	..
Do Acc	284.7	309.5	..	..
Capit Inc	234.0	248.9	-0.1	3.34
Do Acc	309.9	329.3	-0.1	3.34
Cont Smlr Inc	42.33	45.36●	-0.80	0.33
Do Acc	43.21	46.09●	-0.10	0.33
Conv Inc	103.4	108.5	+0.2	7.52
Do Acc	170.4	180.5	+0.3	7.52
Euro Inc	90.84	96.71●	+0.09	0.30
Do Acc	93.15	99.38●	+0.09	0.30
Extra Inc Inc	244.7	260.2	+0.4	6.06
Do Acc	312.3	332.1	+0.5	6.06
Financial Acc	64.12	68.20●	+0.56	0.81
Do Inc	61.97	65.91●	+0.57	0.81
Inc Trust	159.0	169.1●	+0.3	5.67
Do Acc	203.1	216.0●	+0.3	5.67
Intl Gth	237.2	254.7●	+2.2	..
Do Acc	263.3	282.8●	+2.4	..
Jap & Gen Inc	159.5	170.8	+1.5	..
Do Acc	161.1	172.6	+1.5	..

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GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	34.09	36.46	+0.40	2.08
CashTrust	113.08		●+0.07	11.35
Pract Inv Inc	89.52	94.82	+0.14	3.88
Do Acc	177.4	190.3	+0.26	3.88
UK Sml Cos	96.04	102.9	+0.27	1.22
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	61.15	65.40●	-0.06	6.53
Preference	21.09	22.56	+0.56	12.28
High Inc	32.29	34.54●	+0.52	5.38
Income	106.7	114.1	-0.10	4.05
Intl Fxd Int	23.25	24.50	+0.09	7.71
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	64.25	68.69●	-0.03	1.39
Euroventures	19.82	21.04	+0.09	0.19
Frontier Mkts	34.13	36.61	+0.30	0.66
Glob Inc/Gth	90.08	96.34	+0.75	3.44
UK/Intl	88.30	94.44c	+0.57	3.32
Overseas Trusts				
American	92.27	98.29●	+1.26	1.16
European	66.32	70.42	+0.37	1.24
Euro Sel Opp	85.67	90.80	+0.02	0.36
Am Emerg	47.03	50.43	+0.78	0.00
Hong Kong	49.76	53.24	+0.33	2.74
Japan	173.0	183.7	+1.63	0.00
Pacific Gth	91.51	98.10●	..	1.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing 071-636 9636				
Intl Gth	104.8	111.7●	+1.03	0.60
Amer Growth	81.79	87.47	+1.52	0.41
Euro Growth	59.88	63.73●	-0.14	0.44
Ger Horizons	43.63	46.61●	-0.24	0.76
Jap Growth	71.47	76.43●	+0.82	..
Pacific Inc	100.4	107.4	+1.15	2.61
Pacific Strat	67.05	71.71	-0.32	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.66	76.85●	+0.49	7.09
Gt British	45.20	48.34●	+0.36	2.25
UK Smll Co	37.93	40.57●	-0.04	3.97
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8888				
Cash	116.0		..	11.42
Gt/Fxd Interest	107.0	113.4	-0.1	9.04
Gth Equity	259.2	273.7●	+1.3	3.27
Guardhill	361.5	386.2	+1.2	3.17
Inc Tst	105.6	112.8	+0.8	5.04
Intl	130.6	139.5	+1.4	0.05
Managed	478.5	503.7	+2.8	..
N Amer	184.4	197.0	+2.8	0.49
Pacific	307.8	328.6	+1.8	0.25
Prop Share	226.4	241.8	-0.9	3.83
Smlr Cos	210.5	224.8	+0.1	2.24
Euro Trust	323.7	345.6c	+1.0	0.28
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 900 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	28.76	30.61	..	2.75
Global Adv Acc	28.88	30.73	..	2.75
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690390				
Amer Equity	53.87	57.15	+1.13	5.51
Canadian	48.87	51.84	+0.74	1.32
Equity Inc	99.64	106.0●	+0.20	7.85
Euro	127.4	135.1	+0.2	0.90
High Inc	66.61	74.05	+0.37	8.22
Intl Sits	60.49	64.70●	+0.74	0.77
Jap & Far East	98.95	106.0●	+0.10	0.00
N Am	80.18	85.07●	+1.72	1.34
Scandinavian	108.1	114.8	+0.8	0.81
Smlr Cos	29.32	31.19●	-0.10	2.83
UK New Geom	36.98	39.32	-0.09	2.03
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Smlr Cos	56.05	60.97	+0.86	0.00
Asian Enterprs	81.42	87.28●	+1.07	1.45
Australian	114.1	122.0	+1.27	4.03
European	306.7	325.0●	+0.15	0.63
Euro Inc	80.07	85.61	+0.06	3.50
Euro Smlr Cos	108.1	115.6	+0.73	0.83
Extra Inc	234.5	250.0●	-2.43	6.47
Family Of Fds	56.61	60.59	+0.45	2.01

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
16	8¾	Vistec	14	15	–	–	–	15.6
14	8	Walpac	10½	11½	-½	–	–	24.4
78	55	Weston	70	75●	–	4.7	8.4	11.0
18	12	Wentworth	15	18	–	–	–	5.6
44	30	Wescol	37	40	–	–	–	21.9
6¾	3	Westport	3¾	4¾	–	0.8	16.8	3.0
52	24	West Seafield	22	25 r	–	2.7	11.3	..
32	7	Wharfdale	28	31	–	..●	–	93.8
34	26	Whatney Mackay	25	30	–	1.3	4.6	10.1
95	50	Wood John D & Co	70	80	–	2.9	3.9	21.2
31	15	Wld of Leather	27	32	–	–	–	–
187	121	Wyevale	178	185	–	4.5	2.5	21.8
88	54	Wyko	58	62	–	5.0	8.3	6.5
7	4½	XCL Sunrise	4	4¾	–	–	–	–
7	5	Xtra-vision	3	7	–	–	–	–
153	120	Young Group	123	128	–	6.9	5.5	14.0
4¾	2¾	Zurich Group	2¾	3	–	–	–	–

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
13¾	9¾	Alliance	13	13	–	53.3	4.1	32.1
179	125	Amer Trust	173	175	–	8.3	3.6	42.5
289	212½	Ang & O'seas	282	285	–	8.2	2.9	43.0
87	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	78	80●	–	8.0	7.8	15.4
106	90	BZW Conv	98	99	–	8.0	8.1	22.0

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35	28	Independent Inv Co	32	34	–	0.3	0.9	
113	86½	Inv Cap	108	110●	–	6.7b	6.1	22.0
97	76	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	93	96	–	9.1	9.8	27.1
143¾	130¾	Ivory Sime UK Pf	141¼	143¾	-1			
161	126	Kleinwort Charter	155	157	–	6.4	4.1	25.5
156	124	Kleinwort O'seas	153	156	–	4.3	2.8	46.0
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	114	117	–	6.1	5.3	21.8
433	325	Law Debenture	430	435	+1	21.3	4.9	24.5
301	233	Majedie	282	285●	–	11.3	4.0	30.3
215	164	Merchants	205	208●	–	13.3b	6.4	20.4
24½	10	Mersh Lynch	226		-¾			
357	268	Monks Inv Tst	353	357●	+1	8.9	2.5	47.5
249	195	Murray Income	232	237●	–	12.9	5.5	23.0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.4 (day's range 91.2-91.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6920-1.7025	1.7015-1.7025	0.80-0.79pr	2.15-2.13pr
Montrl	1.9340-1.9602	1.9465-1.9502	0.47-0.41pr	0.83-0.73pr
Amstrdm	3.3329-3.3451	3.3358-3.3395	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Brussels	60.75-61.11	60.79-61.00	15-11pr	36-31pr
Copnhgn	11.3563-11.3902	11.3643-11.3880	2⅝-1⅝pr	5⅝-4⅝pr
Dublin	1.1068-1.1080	1.1070-1.1080	16-10pr	44-33pr
Frankft	2.9602-2.9666	2.9632-2.9666	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Lisbon	258.76-258.10	256.76-257.76	3-23ds	6-85ds
Madrid	182.74-183.55	182.91-183.53	11-18ds	34-46ds
Milan	2191.99-2197.84	2192.36-2197.08	4-8ds	par-22ds
Oslo	11.5141-11.5600	11.5328-11.5566	1⅝-1⅜pr	4-3⅜pr
Paris	10.0238-10.0533	10.0303-10.0533	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅝-4pr
Stckhlm	10.5927-10.6482	10.6209-10.6440	⅝-½pr	1⅝-⅞pr
Tokyo	235.19-236.22	235.91-236.22	⅝-½pr	2⅝-2pr
Vienna	20.81-20.89	20.82-20.85	4⅝-3⅜pr	11⅝-8⅜pr
Zurich	2.5251-2.5343	2.5301-2.5338	⅝-⅝pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16747.4-16784.1
Australia dollar	2.2381-2.2418
Bahrain dinar	0.636-0.644
Brazil cruzeiro *	484.13-484.94
Cyprus pound	0.799-0.809
Finland markka	6.965-7.045
Greece drachma	323.15-328.95
Hong Kong dollar	13.1350-13.1445
India rupee	35.43-35.83
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6932-4.6980
Mexico peso	5050-5150
New Zealand dollar	2.9074-2.9142
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3275-6.4075
Singapore dollar	3.0049-3.0084
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5838-5.8807
S Africa rand (com)	4.7954-4.8034
U A E dirham	6.195-6.275

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5285-1.5300
Singapore	1.7712-1.7722
Malaysia	2.7669-2.7679
Australia	1.3192-1.3204
Canada	1.1449-1.1454
Sweden	6.2700-6.2750
Norway	6.8100-6.8150
Denmark	6.7100-6.7150
W Germany	1.7470-1.7480
Switzerland	1.4915-1.4925
Netherlands	1.9695-1.9705
France	5.9150-5.9200
Japan	138.85-138.95
Italy	1296.5-1297.5
Belgium (Com)	35.93-35.97
Hong Kong	7.7427-7.7437
Portugal	151.80-152.00
Spain	108.00-108.10
Austria	12.29-12.31

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1991 Agreed rates June 26, 1991to July 23, 1991 Scheme I: 12.73%. Schemes II & III: 12.87%. Reference rate May 1, 1991 to May 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.587%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11½ Finance Hse 12

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 11 Week fixed: 11⅜

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10²⁵⁄₃₂; 3 mth 10⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 10²⁷⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 10¹¹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11⅜-11³⁄₃₂	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10²⁹⁄₃₂	10²⁷⁄₃₂-10⅝	10¹³⁄₃₂-10⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⁹⁄₁₆-11½	11⅝-11⅝	11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆	11³⁄₃₂-1⁄₁₆	11-10²⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	11⁹⁄₁₆-11⅝	11⁷⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₃₂	11¹¹⁄₃₂-⁵⁄₁₆	11⅛-11⁷⁄₁₆	10³¹⁄₃₂-10⅝
(Overnight: open 11⅝, close 12⅜.					
Local Authority Deps:	11⁷⁄₁₆	n/a	11⁵⁄₁₆	11¹⁄₁₆	10¹⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	11⅝-11⁷⁄₁₆	11⅝-11⁵⁄₁₆	11⅛-11⅛	11-10⅝	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.00	6.05-6.00	6.08-6.03	6.18-6.13	6.65-6.60
Building Society CDs:	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-¹⁵⁄₃₂	11¹⁵⁄₃₂-11⁷⁄₁₆	11⁵⁄₁₆-11⅝	11⅛-11	10²⁷⁄₃₂-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⅛	5⅝-5
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8⅝	8⅝-8⅝	9-8⅝	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅝-7⅝
French Franc:	10⅝-9⅝	9⁵⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	9⅝-9⅝	9⅝-9⅝	9⅝-8⅝
Swiss Franc:	8-7⅝	8-7⅝	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	8-7⅝	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-²³⁄₁₆	7⅝-7⅝	7⅝-7⅛	7⅝-8⅝

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $362.20-362.70 Close: $362.40-362.90 High: $362.80-363.30

Low: $361.20-361.70 Krugerrand: $362.00-363.00 (£212.00-213.00)

Sovereigns: Old $85.00-86.00 (£49.50-50.50) New $84.50-85.50 (£49.00-50.00)

Platinum: $378.75 (£223.45) Silver: $4.17 (£2.445) Palladium: $96.50 (£56.95)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 26142	Jun 91	2528.0	2531.0	2500.0	2504.0	5898
	Sep 91	2571.0	2573.5	2548.0	2548.0	642
	Dec 91	2610.0	2616.0	2590.0	2588.0	70
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 138449	Jun 91	88.76	88.77	88.74	88.76	7163
	Sep 91	89.60	89.61	89.55	89.58	13211
	Dec 91	89.84	89.85	89.79	89.84	3020
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 36437	Jun 91	93.84	93.87	93.83	93.85	1401
	Sep 91	93.58	93.58	93.54	93.58	1977
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 117757	Jun 91	90.92	90.92	90.88	90.92	8084
	Sep 91	91.03	91.04	90.98	91.02	21328
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3661	Jun 91	95-04	95-10	95-03	95-09	287
	Sep 91	94-11	94-14	94-07	94-13	842
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 33732	Jun 91	90-00	90-01	89-15	89-17	2841
	Sep 91	90-06	90-07	89-19	89-22	32225
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.78	95.78	95.78	95.75	5
	Sep 91	95.19	95.19	95.13	95.14	391
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 100441	Jun 91	85.55	85.86	85.50	85.63	28797
	Sep 91	85.65	85.80	85.62	85.78	44444
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 3636	Jun 91	90.00	90.00	89.85	89.92	495
	Sep 91	90.30	90.32	90.24	90.30	354

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	627-626	Jul	537-536	Aug	184.0-82.0
Sep	658-655	Sep	584-582	Oct	177.0-72.0
Dec	694-693	Nov	586-585	Dec	190.0-72.0
Mar	726-725	Jan	606-605	Mar	175.0-73.0
May	746-745	Mar	625-624	May	178.8-75.6
Jul	766-765	May	unq	Aug	187.0-74.0
Sep	784-782	Jul	unq		
Vol: 3531		Vol: 1674		Vol: 2242	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Jun	135.45	Sep	111.45	Jun	137.50
Sep	113.65	Nov	115.10	Aug	133.00
Nov	116.85	Jan	118.45	Oct	135.00
Jan	120.65	Mar	121.35	Dec	138.50
Mar	123.70	May	122.50	Feb	141.50
Vol:	382	Vol:	68	Vol:	1090

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 213

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	76.0
Apr	unq	126.5
May	unq	137.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.99	156.64	113.45
(+/–)	+2.75	*+12.65	+1.07
Eng/Wales:	87.32	166.49	111.96
(+/–)	+4.14	+12.48	+1.21
(%)	-32.8	+8.5	-17.6
Scotland:	92.02	163.12	117.77
(+/–)	+0.32	+16.41	+0.60
(%)	-64.6	-17.9	-16.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

Jun	Open:	unq
	Close:	117.3
Jul	Open:	unq
	Close:	114.8
Aug	Open:	114.0
	Close:	114.0

Volume: 12

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

Whilst Opec's meeting continued in Vienna, the market adopted a slightly weaker tone.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.80	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.85	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.10	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.95	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.00	-0.30

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	246 (+1)	249 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	180 (–1)	181 (–2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	178 (–2)	179 (–2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	180 (–2)	181 (–2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (–1)	67 (–1)
Naphtha	199 (–1)	203 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Jun	177.75-77.50	Oct	181.00 SLR
Jul	175.00-74.50	Nov	unq
Aug	176.25-76.00	Dec	183.25-83.00
Sep	178.75-77.75		Vol: 3233

BRENT

Jun	18.80-18.85	Aug	19.30-19.35
Jul	19.10-19.15		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 91	1650	1640	1698
Jul 91	1540	1480	1480
Oct 91	1620	1535	1535
Jan 92	—		1570

Vol: 203 lots Open interest: 2387

Dry cargo index: 1762 –6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1287.0-1288.0	1302.0-1302.5	Vol:1580725
Lead (£/tonne)	312.00-312.50	323.00-323.50	49625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1051.5-1052.0	1069.0-1070.0	132325
Tin ($/tonne)	5650.0-5655.0	5730.0-5735.0	12230
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1222.0-1224.0	1254.0-1255.0	606825
Nickel ($/tonne):	8128.0-8129.0	8155.0-8158.0	15662

FOX MGMI INDEX (Spot prices)

	Bid	Offer
Jun	135.60	136.70
Jul	136.50	137.80
Aug	136.90	137.90

Vol: 480

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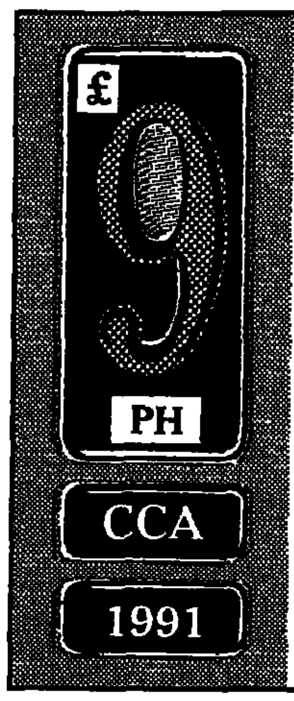

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Fancy a holiday home?

Good buys are available in Devon and Cornwall, as choosy buyers hunt for bargains, Christopher Warman reports

The property boom was good to Devon and Cornwall. Buyers flocked from the Home Counties and further north in search of a country home, and prices soared.

Knight Frank & Rutley puts the net increase for 1987-1990 at more than 30 per cent for cottages in both counties; farmhouse prices increased by more than 30 per cent in Cornwall and 10 to 30 per cent in Devon; manor houses showed a 10-30 per cent increase in Cornwall, with only a small increase in Devon.

The recession put a stop to that, but the previous increases meant that these properties were no longer competitively priced in their own area, or compared with those elsewhere.

The market is still slow, suffering from "torpor", according to John Eaton-Terry of Colvilles, an Exeter-based agency.

He says: "Buyers have been waiting, and still are, and are picky about what they want. In 1988 they would ring up and say, 'We are on our way'; now they tell us they are thinking of coming down in three weeks to look around."

An exception to the reduced buyer interest is Pound Cottage, at Christow, Devon, home of the late Arthur Marshall, the writer and broadcaster. In an acre of gardens in the Teign Valley, the cottage has attracted 40 bidders, and Mr Eaton-Terry is confident the guide price of £175,000 will be exceeded.

Robin Thomas, of Strutt & Parker of Exeter, says: "There is increasing activity, albeit from a low base. In the last week, we have agreed sales on four properties at around or over asking price."

A Twenties property in 17 acres on the clifftop near Salcombe, Devon, has produced more enquiries than any other in three years, with 500 brochures issued and more needed. Mr Thomas says a lot of properties remain overpriced and are not selling. One property that he and another agent valued at £450,000 was put on the market at £750,000 on the owner's assessment. Before the boom, Cornish property was cheaper than Devon because of its further distance. Now there is not much difference. Strutt & Parker of Exeter, with Green & Co of Tregony, are selling a detached 19th century house in an acre at St Petroc, Portloe, near Truro, and asking £155,000. The house, with fine views over the fishing village along the coast, is divided into two flats, each with two reception rooms and two bedrooms.

A wide choice of cottages or country estates

The same agent is asking about £300,000 for a Grade II listed Georgian former rectory at Mary Tavy, on the edge of Dartmoor. The Old Rectory has six bedrooms, three reception rooms, with views to Mary Tavy church and Dartmoor. For the view, Messack House at St Just-in-Roseland, near St Mawes, Cornwall, is also an enviable property, looking across the Carrick Roads. There is deep-water mooring and a private slipway for the house, built in 1926, which has five bedrooms and three reception rooms, and a cottage. The agent, Hamptons, is asking £600,000.

A similar price could net Butterford, a Georgian country estate near South Brent, Devon, which has about 200 acres and a pheasant shoot. The farmhouse, on an estate mentioned in the Domesday Book, has seven bedrooms and three reception rooms. Stags' Totnes office is asking £650,000.

The southwest also presents opportunities for a combined home and business. Lamacraft, in about ten acres at Start Point, Kingsbridge, Devon, is a country house believed to date in part from the 16th century, with three holiday cottages and a small hotel converted from farm buildings several years ago. The house, away from the commercial part, has five bedrooms and two reception rooms. The owners have built up a thriving small business with a turnover of about £60,000 a year. Strutt & Parker's Exeter office is asking £600,000.

Canonteign, nine miles south of Exeter, is a 200 acre country estate, self-supporting through its leisure enterprises, which include the Canonteign Gorge and, it is claimed, England's highest waterfall. Canonteign House, listed Grade II, was built in 1828 for a vice-admiral, Sir Edward Pellew, who later became the first Viscount Exmouth. Completely rebuilt internally after a fire in 1910, the house has seven reception rooms, eight principal bedrooms and seven other bedrooms, a vast, vaulted basement and an orangery housing an indoor pool. Last year, the leisure park attracted 60,000 visitors. The joint agents, Humberts and Jackson-Stops & Staff, are asking £2.25 million.

Back in Cornwall, Treassowe Manor at Ludgvan, Penzance, an 18th century Grade II manor house on the site of an ancient monastery, is for sale with 198 acres. In the gardens are the granite ruins of the monastery, which contain a Celtic cross, now scheduled as an ancient monument. The estate, including a secondary farmhouse, has views of Mounts Bay. A barn and bungalow have planning consent for residential conversion and there is permission for an 18 hole golf course and country club. William H. Brown's office at Williton, Somerset, is seeking offers around £850,000.

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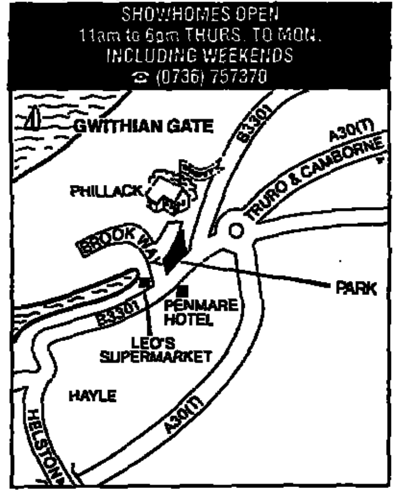

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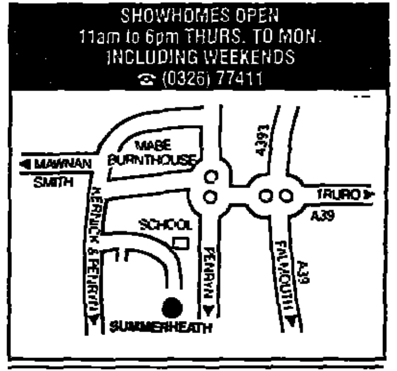

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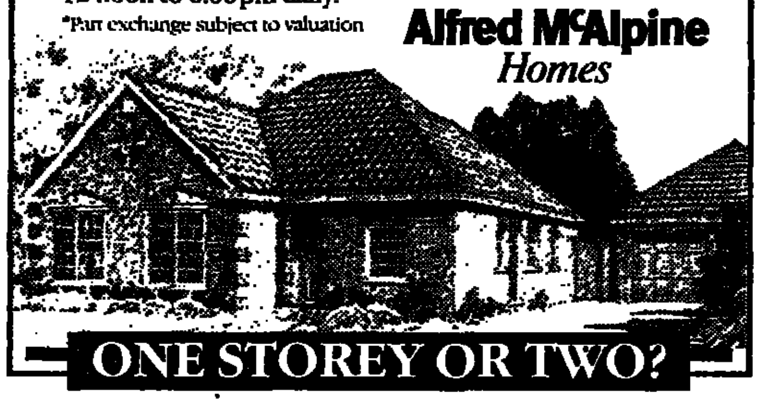

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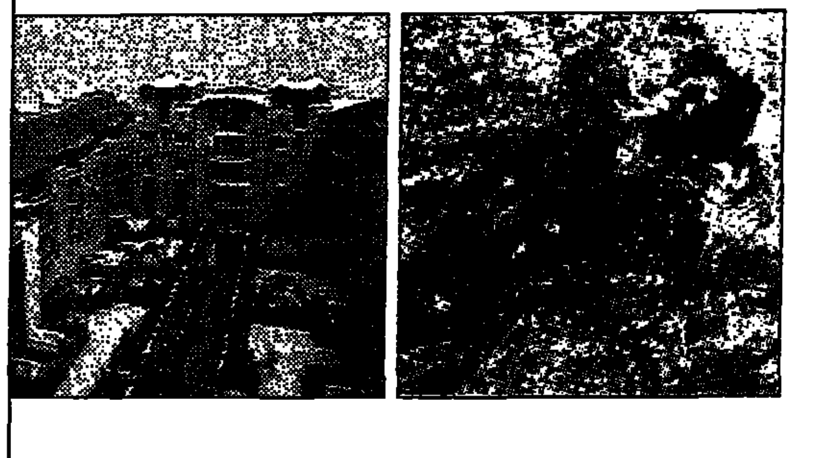

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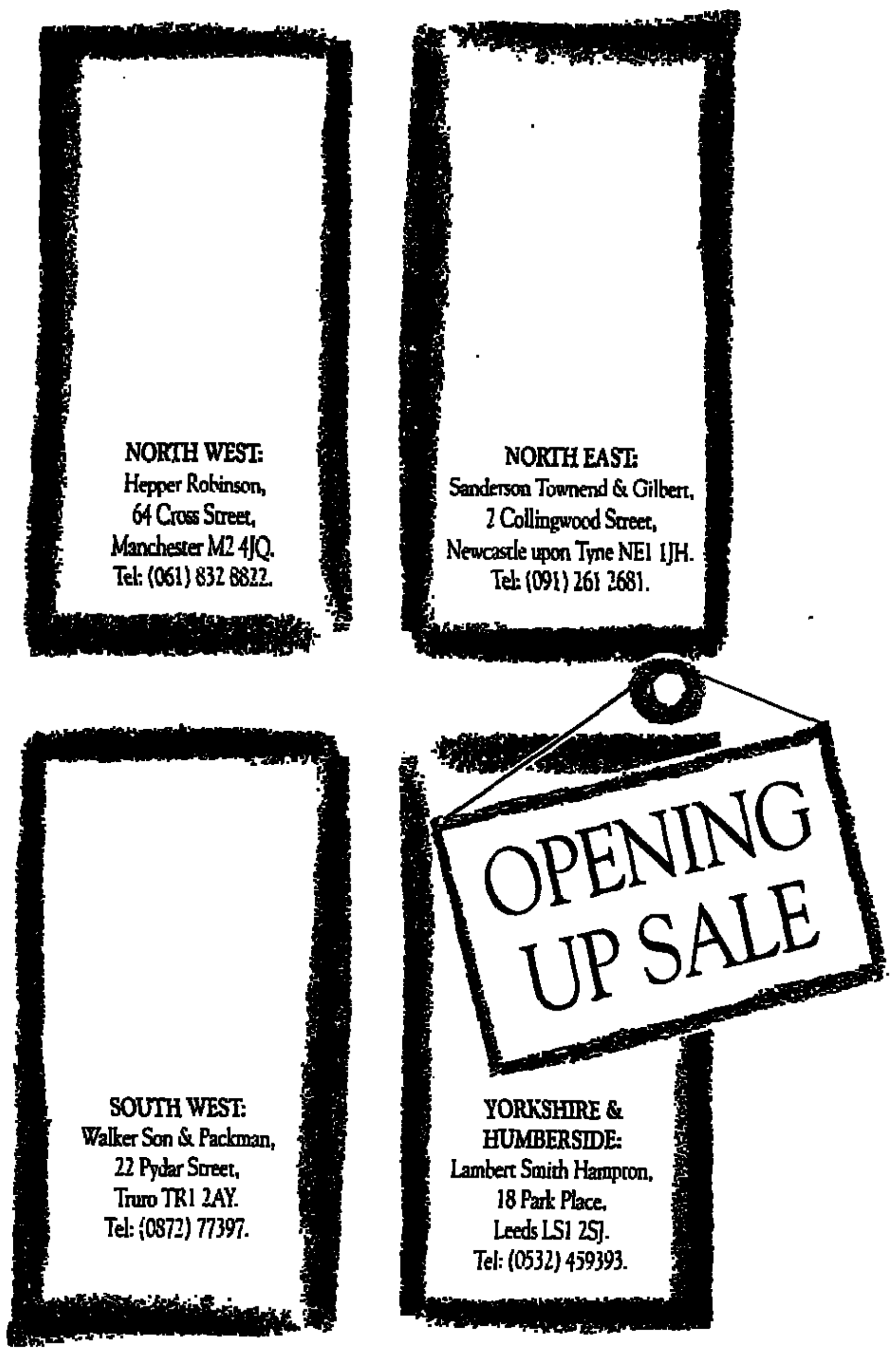

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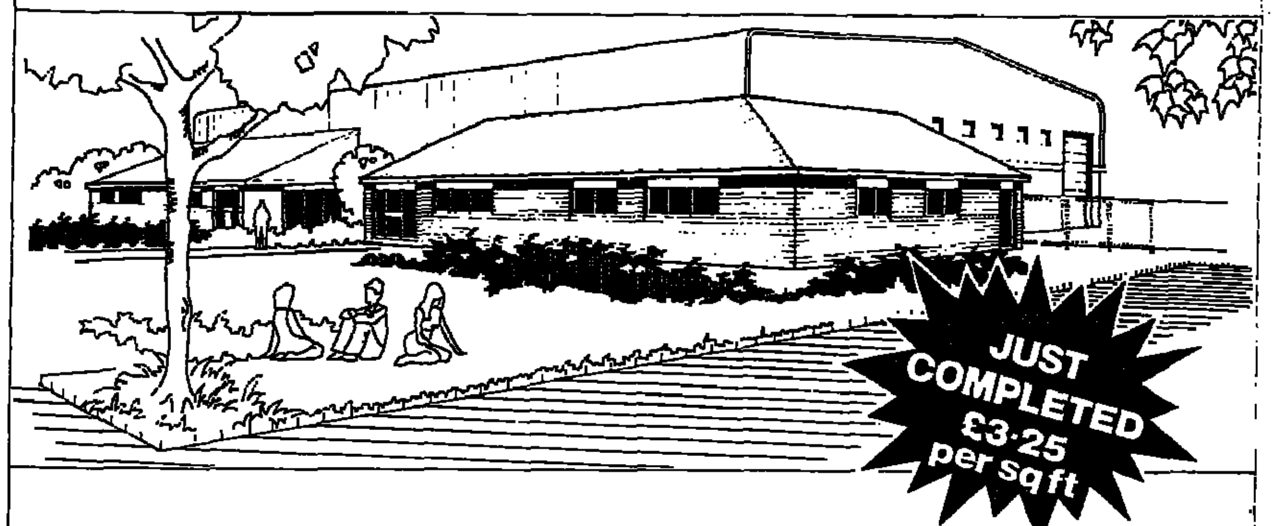
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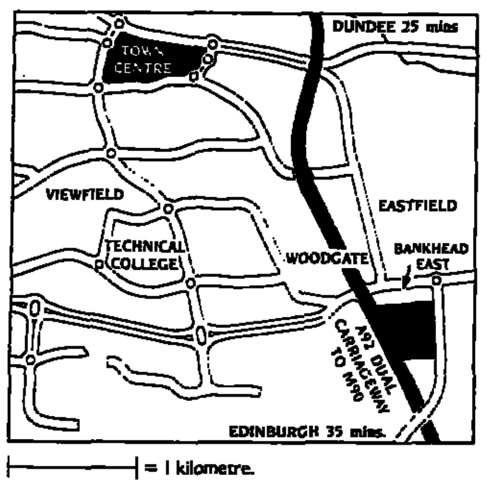

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Asmussen eyes ambitious treble

After a decade of notching up winners almost as fast as he talks, Cash Asmussen is beginning to concentrate on quality rather than quantity.

The lad from Laredo in deepest Texas had a thousand winners under his teenage belt before crossing the Atlantic to rattle up enough victories to become champion jockey of France five times in the past six seasons. But now he has Derbys on his razor-sharp mind.

Not just *the* Derby at Epsom this afternoon, you understand. Nor the French Derby, which he won in exhilarating style on Suave Dancer three days ago. No, Cash has three Derbys in his sights. The French, today's and the Irish. All this year.

"I would like to put all three in the bag," he said before departing for Epsom from his Chantilly home last night.

No jockey in modern times has achieved such a treble. The great Lester Piggott pulled off the Epsom and Irish double in 1968. Pat Eddery won the French and English races last year only to be thwarted at the Curragh by Salsabil when he rode the favourite, Quest For Fame.

But Asmussen is the last person in silks to be put off by statistical improbabilities. Records are there to be broken.

Although still on a high after winning his first French Derby on a horse purchased by his father, the American's brain is already working in the style of a detective — Sherlock Holmes rather than Inspector Clouseau — as he plots how to win today aboard Corrupt.

When he talks about the potential dangers lurking among Corrupt's 12 opponents, he refers to "clues" and "unturned" or "uncovered" stones and highlights the unique demands posed by Epsom's testing slopes and cambers.

"I think I have a few more clues than I have had in some of the big races I go in to ride.

"I always look at what I have got to work with. What his or her weaknesses and strengths are, and the weaknesses and strengths of the opposition."

Toulon, the French-trained favourite, is one of the unturned stones in Asmussen's mind. Ironically, he rode Andre Fabre's colt on his winning debut at Longchamp last October, but gives no indication he would wish to swap Pat Eddery's ride for his own.

"My opinion is that Andre Fabre didn't think Toulon was as good as Pistolet Bleu or Suave Dancer, otherwise he would have been at Chantilly on Sunday. Evidently he thought the horses in England were not up to the same standard, so he came here. I am not convinced his win at Chester in May is going to make him a Derby winner."

But with one eye already looking ahead to the Irish Derby, he believes the performance of Toulon, third to Suave Dancer at Longchamp in April, will give a good indication of the comparative merits of the French and English Derby winners.

Hector Protector, unbeaten and Europe's top two-year-old last season, is theoretically the best horse in the line-up. "He is definitely the form horse of the race. He's undefeated, has won eight times and is a star."

However, Francois Boutin's colt is untried beyond a mile. More important, as far as Asmussen is concerned, he is coming from a mile on flat French courses to a mile and a half over Epsom's helter-skelter track. Quite apart from Freddie Head's ability, or possible lack of it, to handle the switchback course, Asmussen declared: "I don't see Hector Protector as a danger at Epsom over a mile and a half."

Mystiko is an obvious threat. "He is tough and he ran very hard when I was second to him on Zigaura in the European Free Handicap at Newmarket. He has won the Guineas since then, but will he stay?"

Star Of Gdansk, the Irish-trained raider who has been backed from 40-1 to 14-1 in the past week, does feature in Asmussen's mental notebook of suspects to be treated with caution.

"I take Star Of Gdansk to give Mystiko a run in the Derby. He is definitely a horse that needs to be watched."

Generous is an unknown quantity, having run just the once this year when he finished fourth behind Mystiko in the 2,000 Guineas under a less than inspired ride. "I will keep an eye on him."

That leaves one other horse to worry about. His own. Corrupt by name, but most definitely not by nature, Neville Callaghan's colt has had an uninterrupted preparation for this afternoon's ultimate challenge: a crucial requirement for most Derby winners.

Asmussen sat on him for the first time just three-and-a-half weeks ago in the Lingfield Derby trial following a call from Callaghan. "I was not planning to come over to England that Saturday but Neville told me he was serious and said I would not be coming over as a tourist. He said I would be happy and that was enough for me. I know Neville; he puts his money where his mouth is.

"We feel after the Lingfield run he will do nothing but improve. He's tough and I can't tell you the good feeling he gave me coming down the Lingfield hill. He was confident, just bowling down that hill and when we got to the bottom he took a bump but was still on the bridle and totally confident."

The form of the race has worked out to Asmussen's satisfaction; today's distance and course pose no worries and the size of the field and the fast ground will be perfect.

"I would like to be very quietly confident," says Asmussen, who is rarely quiet about anything. "I think there are a couple of unturned stones, but not to the extent that there are sometimes when I go into a race and say to myself I don't know what could be under that saddle of a couple of horses.

"The horses have run and the form has worked out in my favour. My horse has not stubbed his toe this year."

Just one difficulty remains. Should he complete the second stage of his Derby dream this afternoon, which horse will he ride at the Curragh in the Budweiser Irish Derby on June 30? Corrupt or Suave Dancer?

For a rare mini-moment, Asmussen was flummoxed. "I would love to have that problem," he chuckled.

Quietly confident: Asmussen mulls over the strengths and weaknesses of his 12 opponents and his own mount, Corrupt, in today's Ever Ready Derby at Epsom

Corrupt's solid each-way claims

By Gerald Hubbard
THE TIMES PRIVATE HANDICAPPER

IT IS axiomatic in racing that classic form is the most reliable guide at the highest level. However, stamina doubts concerning Mystiko, Hector Protector and Star Of Gdansk combine to frustrate the form student when considering this year's Derby.

Although the French 2,000 Guineas may have taken little winning, there is no doubt that Hector Protector had the best two-year-old form of today's field. Both the Irish and English 2,000 Guineas, contrary to some informed opinion, rate as at least average, consequently Mystiko and Star Of Gdansk would be very hard to beat were they to stay.

A serious consideration of those whose stamina is assured is advisable. Both Corrupt and Toulon are guaranteed over the trip and, of the two, Corrupt boasts the superior form, judged on a line through Selkirk and Luchiroverte.

Indeed, a line through Selkirk indicates that there should be little between Corrupt and Hector Protector even if the latter were to last the one and a half miles. Toulon oozed class when overcoming dire traffic problems at Chester, but his French form is some five lengths below average Derby-winning level.

Environment Friend exhibited extraordinary improvement to win the Dante. Although Hailsham went on to frank the form by winning the Italian Derby, the principals there finished in a heap, which suggests that the race may not have taken much winning.

Generous needs to improve over the Derby trip (not impossible) and Marju's Craven form now has a distinctly tattered look.

Classic form beckons and Mystiko is narrowly preferred to Star Of Gdansk. For those who prefer one with no obvious stamina limitations, I suggest that Corrupt has impeccable each-way credentials.

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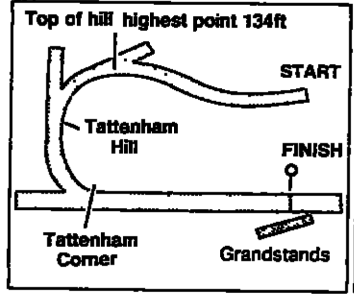

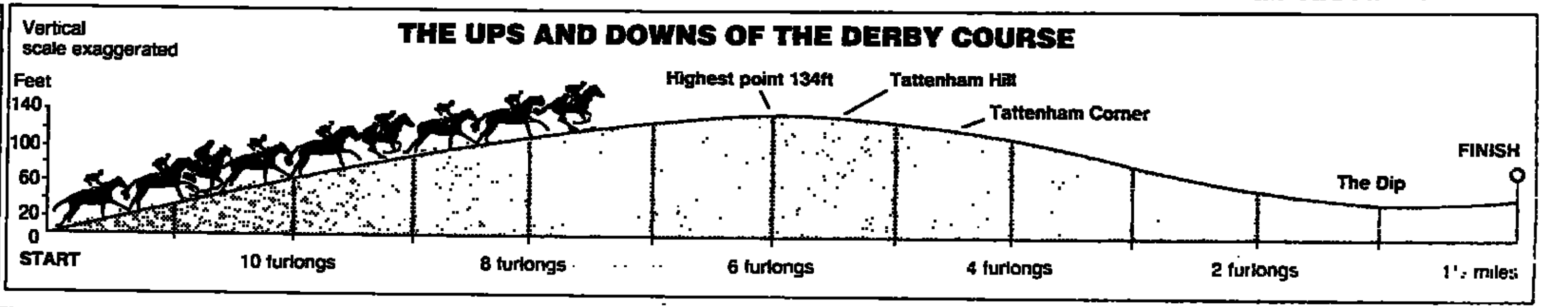

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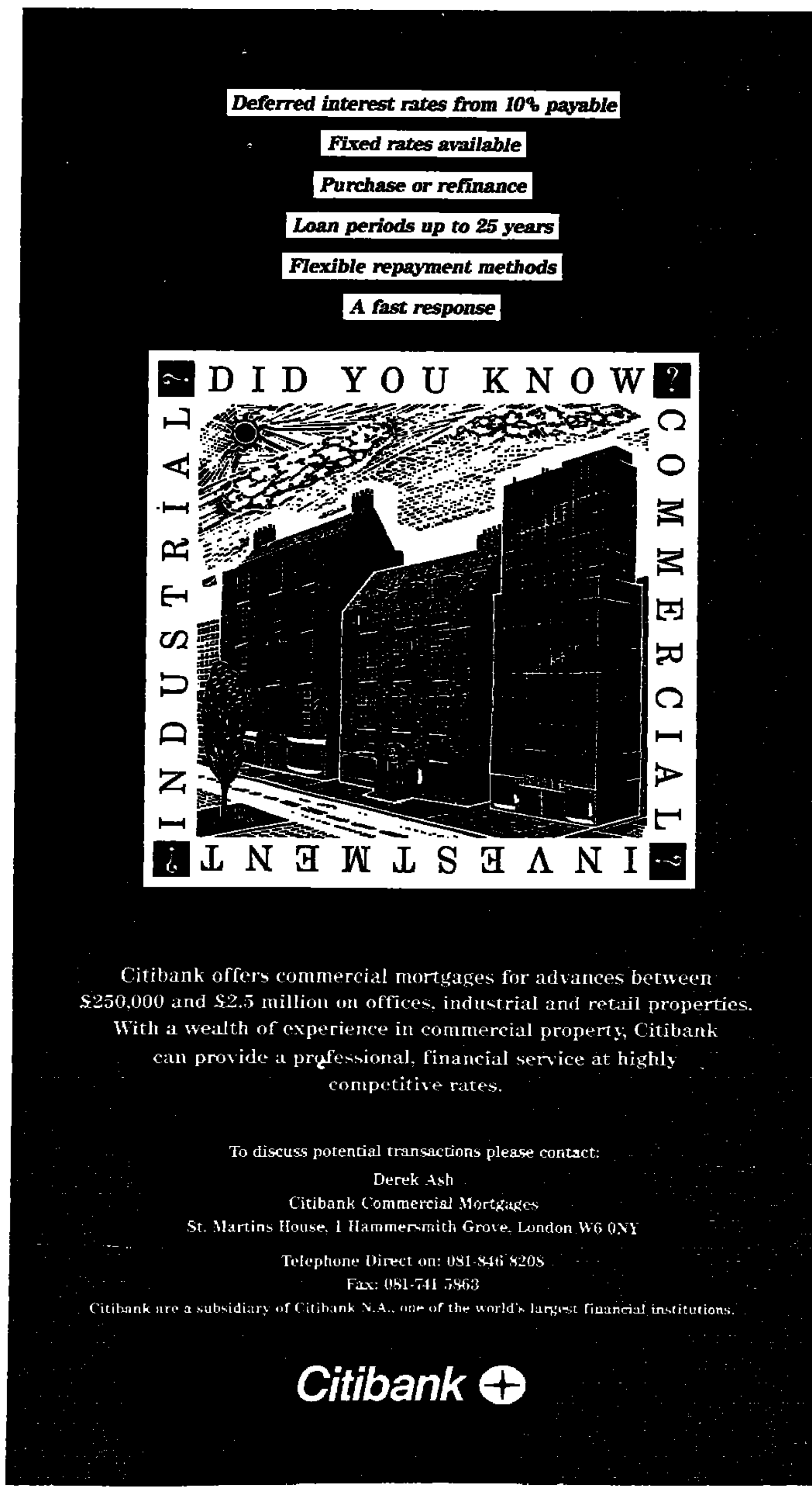

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A to Z guide to the Derby field

By George Rae

AROKAT: Running only to make the pace for Toulon, who is in the same ownership. For confirmed optimists only.

CORRUPT: Steadily backed since decisively winning the Lingfield Derby Trial on a course whose configuration is similar to Epsom. First Derby runner in 21 years of training for Neville Callaghan, who is better known for his shrewdly-engineered raids on the betting ring than classic hopefuls. Jockey Cash Asmussen — second on Blue Stag last year — seeks a big-race double having won the French Derby on Sunday with Suave Dancer. Has proven stamina and is a clear candidate for the short list.

ENVIRONMENT FRIEND: Came good last time with a clear-cut win in the Dante Stakes at York, usually a sound guide to the Derby. Staying on strongly at the finish and should be suited by this trip. Second-season trainer James Fanshawe was assistant to Michael Stoute when Shahrastani won in 1986 but this is his first runner on his own account. Reportedly worked badly last week and has been almost ignored since in the betting. Trying to join the select band of only four greys to have won the Derby.

GENEROUS: High-class two-year-old but has something to find with Mystiko on 2,000 Guineas running. Bred to stay (by French Derby winner Caerleon) and sustained support over the past fortnight suggests confidence in his chance. From a stable enjoying a fine season.

HAILSHAM: Recent winner of the Italian Derby but this is the real thing. Game and consistent, but may lack the class to add a second Derby. Nominally Clive Brittain's second string (to Mystiko) but the stable has made a habit of pulling off the unexpected this season. Mount of Steve Cauthen, previously successful with Slip Anchor (1985) and Reference Point (1987).

HECTOR PROTECTOR: Unbeaten winner of the French 2,000 Guineas. Bags of class but severe stamina doubts. Attempting, with Toulon, to become the first French-trained Derby winner since Empery 15 years ago. Mount of Freddie Head, who has not found Epsom the happiest of courses.

HOKUSAI: Sure to attract plenty of sentimental support as Lester Piggott's mount in his quest for a tenth Derby victory. Piggott considers Hokusai to have "a bit of an each-way chance" but it will take every ounce of his Epsom genius to get him into the firing line. Henry Cecil has been twice successful with Slip Anchor (1985) and Reference Point (1987).

HUNDRA: Rank outsider from a stable never afraid to tackle the big guns. Victory would be a major surprise.

MARJU: Lame when disappointing as a short-priced favourite for the 2,000 Guineas. Back to full fitness but interrupted preparation for the Derby is a minus, as is a doubt about stamina. Willie Carson has won three Derbys — Troy (1979), Henbit (1980) and Nashwan (1989) — John Dunlop one, Shirley Heights (1978).

MUJAAZIF: Reportedly injured his back when well beaten in the 2,000 Guineas. Represents the Michael Stoute-Walter Swinburn combination successful in the Eighties with Shergar (1981) and Shahrastani (1986), but Mujaazif looks some way short of that standard.

MYSTIKO: Survived a last-minute scare when a corn had to be cut from one of his feet on Sunday. Game winner of the 2,000 Guineas but, like many milers moving up, faces a searching examination of his stamina. Connections, however, are confident he will stay the trip and his breeding — he is by the 1984 Derby winner Secreto — suggests cause for optimism. The Clive Brittain-Michael Roberts combination produced the 500-1 second Terimon two years ago. Like Environment Friend, he is attempting to become the first grey Derby winner for 45 years.

STAR OF GDANSK: Good second to Fourstars Allstar in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Seeking to become the first Irish-trained winner since Secreto in 1984, with whom jockey Christy Roche was also associated. Lively longshot.

TOULON: Caught the imagination when overcoming severe difficulties in running to win at Chester. Showed eye-catching turn of speed that day but trainer Andre Fabre has played a cautious game by voicing the opinion that Toulon may be overrated. Any softening of the ground would be in his favour — his best form has been on good to soft — and French form looks as though it may be superior to that of the English runners. Bred for the job — by French Derby winner Top Ville — and a twentieth consecutive Derby ride for Pat Eddery, a sequence which has produced three winners — Grundy (1975), Golden Fleece (1982) and Quest For Fame last year. Excellent prospects.

VERDICT: 1. Toulon; 2. Corrupt; 3. Environment Friend.

Abdulla to triumph again

By Jack Waterman

THE most successful Derby owner in recent years has undoubtedly been Khaled Abdulla, whose representatives today are the French-trained Toulon and the pacemaker, Arokat. He has had eight runners since 1984, resulting in a win (Quest For Fame last year) and three places, including unlucky Dancing Brave.

By contrast, the Maktoum family have only one victory and three places to show from a total of 22 Derby candidates since 1982.

Not one of Sheikh Mohammed's eight runners has even reached the frame. Hamdan Al-Maktoum, whose colours are carried by Marju today, has fared best with Nashwan winning, Elmaamul third, and Al-Talaq fourth.

Lady Beaverbrook (Mystiko) has also had variable fortune. Of ten runners since Seaepic finished well behind Mill Reef 20 years ago, she had come closest with the runners-up Relkino and Terimon, whose 500-1 starting price was a record, while Bustino was fourth.

Mystiko has a classic triumph already to his credit, having won the 2,000 Guineas. The post-war records concerning winners of this race in the Derby are curiously cyclical. Up to 1969, four Guineas victors went on to succeed at Epsom and 11 failed. In the Seventies, only Nijinsky won while six were unplaced. But the Eighties showed brighter results: one winner (Nashwan), three places, four non-runners and only two unplaced.

There would be great jubilation if Lester Piggott added a tenth victory on Hokusai to his astonishing record. However, 56 per cent of his 32 Derby mounts were unplaced, in contrast to Pat Eddery's equivalent figure of 37 per cent from 19 rides.

Summing up, the various records decisively point to a victory for Toulon over Mystiko, with Marju narrowly chosen for third place.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Yarmouth

Going: firm (hard in places)

2.00 (7f 2yd) 1, Katy Ann Bee (G Carter, 5-2); 2, Lanner (9-4 fav); 3, Storm At Night (7-2). 8 ran. ¾l, nk. M Ryan. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £6.70. CSF: £8.17.

2.30 (1m 3yd) 1, Jamestown Boy (G Duffield, 11-2); 2, Hand Painted (7-1); 3, Curtain Up (33-1); 4, Commanding Officer (33-1). Sherpmal 2-1 fav. 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l, sh hd. M Prescott. Tote: £5.60; £1.70, £2.00, £3.60, £7.80. DF: £8.80. CSF: £48.23. Tricast: £1124.21. No bid.

3.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Bushy Tailed (G Carter, 8-1); 2, No Sid No Stars (3-1 fav); 3, Loudest Whisper (12-1). 9 ran. 1l, 2½l. G Wragg. Tote: £7.00; £1.30, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £12.60. CSF: £29.81. Tricast: £256.92.

3.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Gabes (W Carson, 6-1); 2, Mindomica (9-1); 3, Billy Blazer (7-2 fav). 12 ran. 3½l, 2l. J Payne. Tote: £4.30; £2.70, £5.70, £2.40. DF: £41.60. CSF: £59.12.

4.00 (7f 2yd) 1, Annabelle Royale (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, La Belle Vie (8-1); 3, Green Glow (6-1). Blackwaterfoot 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Highest Praise. 2l, 5l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £4.60; £1.20, £3.20, £1.80. DF: £12.60. CSF: £28.23. Tricast: £146.47.

4.30 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Sought Out (L Piggott, 4-6 fav); 2, Jendali (11-8); 3, Arcadian Heights (11-1). 5 ran. ½l, 10l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.16.

Placepot: £55.10.

Folkestone

Going: firm

1.45 (7f) 1, Dream Carrier (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Sweet Tassa (20-1); 3, Video Wall (15-2). 12 ran. Nk, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £3.10, £2.60. DF: £11.90. CSF: £25.49. Tricast: £116.66.

2.15 (1m 2f) 1, Sarabah (R Cochrane, 2-1); 2, Shrewd Girl (7-1); 3, Gravette (6-4 fav). 8 ran. ¾l, 2½l. G Harwood. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £8.80. CSF: £16.62.

2.45 (6f) 1, Thousla Rock (Paul Eddery, 16-1); 2, Bit-A-Magic (2-9 fav); 3, Clare Kerry Lass (8-1). 5 ran. 1l, 3½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £12.30; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £20.45.

3.15 (6f) 1, Cronk's Quality (Paul Eddery, 13-2); 2, Top One (7-2); 3, Quiet Victory (2-1 fav). 18 ran. ¾l, 2½l. G Lewis. Tote: £8.10; £2.80, £3.00, £1.40. DF: £15.80. CSF: £36.80. After stewards' enquiry the result stood. Winner bought in for 4,000gns.

3.45 (5f) 1, Lady's Mantle (S Dawson, 9-4 fav); 2, Stocktina (3-1); 3, Sweet Soul Dream (9-2). 7 ran. 3l, sh hd. R Bastiman. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £4.90. CSF: £9.80. Tricast: £26.12. NR: Village Pet, Tropical Orchid.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, I See Ice (B Rouse, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, My Chiara (12-1); 3, Puff Puff (9-2). Polistatic 100-30 jt-fav. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l. W Haggas. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £4.30, £1.50. DF: £30.80. CSF: £41.98. Tricast: £171.04. NR: Taylor's Realm.

Placepot: £8.20.

Stewart filly to succeed

By Mandarin

DESPITE the attraction of the Derby, today's best wager in my view is **Finance Dancer** to win the BBC South and East Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Yarmouth.

Finance Dancer ran well enough on her racecourse debut at Sandown Park, where she was beaten only a length by Mohican Girl, to suggest that her name was one for the notebook, more especially now she will be attempting the sort of distance over which her sire Shareef Dancer excelled.

The Alec Stewart-trained filly will be in the competent hands of Richard Hills, who can go on to land a long-range double by also winning the Hilary Needler Trophy at the Beverley evening meeting astride Nur for Harry Thomson Jones.

The Newmarket trainer has long held this particular race as an integral part of a filly's preparation for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

While Luca Cumani has fancied runners today at both Yarmouth and Beverley, it must be significant that his No 1 jockey Lanfranco Dettori is required at Epsom to partner Minimize, who is taken to win the Butterley Brick Handicap following that promising first run of the season behind No Submission at Kempton.

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Toulon to triumph for France

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

THERE are two ways of looking at the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom today.

Either one takes the view that one of the Guineas winners, Mystiko or Hector Protector, will turn out to be as good over a mile and a half as he has already shown over a mile, or one can opt for a Derby trial winner who has proved that he possesses the requisite stamina.

In siding with the French-trained **TOULON** to beat **Corrupt**, I have elected to take the latter course.

Being by the 1979 French Derby winner, Top Ville, out of a mare by Mill Reef who took Epsom by storm on this corresponding occasion 20 years ago, Toulon has a classic pedigree.

When winning the Chester Vase last month, over a fraction further than today's distance, Toulon showed that he was not fussed by travel, that he acts on a tight left-handed track and that he is highly manoeuvrable, because he got into two spots of serious bother. He also got the trip well.

As far as ability is concerned, it is now possible to argue that Toulon would have finished second in last Sunday's French Derby had his connections preferred the Chantilly option.

My assertion is born out by the performances there of both the winner, Suave Dancer, behind whom Toulon finished in the Prix Greffulhe earlier in the season, and the fourth, Luchiroverte, whom Toulon beat pretty comprehensively at Chester.

The question now to be answered is whether that criss-cross of form is good enough to win our Derby. I believe it is.

Pat Eddery, who has won this classic three times, has said that he would choose to be on Corrupt were he not with Toulon. I can easily understand why.

He has ridden Corrupt in his most important gallops on Newmarket Heath during the past month and the colt was an impressive winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial, ridden by Cash Asmussen, who now attempts to emulate Eddery who landed the French and English Derby double 12 months ago.

Generous and **Mujaazif** are taken to follow Toulon and Corrupt home. Generous, who stayed on strongly to finish fourth in the 2,000 Guineas on his seasonal debut, has an acceptable Derby pedigree. He also looked the part in a recent workout on Newbury racecourse.

Mujaazif, who won the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last autumn, looks the best outsider in the 13-strong field following some sparkling recent homework with the talented four-year-old Rock Hopper, who is on course for a crack at tomorrow's Coronation Cup.

The decision to run **Arokat** as a pacemaker for Toulon will ensure that there is no dawdling early on.

It is also a shrewd tactical move because it could easily help to bring about the downfall of **Mystiko**. I have always maintained that Mystiko, who gets his grey colour and speed from his maternal grandsire, Zeddaan, is too quick for his own good when it comes to getting this distance.

Hector Protector and the Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up, **Star Of Gdansk**, have pedigrees which raise serious doubts about their possessing the necessary staying power. This also applies to **Marju**, who has not had the best of preparations as he had to be laid off after pulling up lame at the end of the 2,000 Guineas.

Environment Friend, who easily accounted for the subsequent Italian Derby winner, **Hailsham**, when he won the Dante Stakes at York, was himself put firmly in his place by Corrupt earlier in the season at Kempton, albeit over a mile.

Also a line through Young Buster suggests the Dee Stakes winner **Hundra** is another who should not beat Corrupt.

Finally, even Lester Piggott's undoubtedly artistry around Epsom looks like being to no avail on **Hokusai**.

EPSOM

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Diamond Mine.	2.15 Showbrook.	2.15 Diamond Mine.
2.45 Regal Sabre.	2.45 ENHARMONIC (nap).	3.45 CORRUPT (nap).
3.45 Toulon.	3.45 Hector Protector.	5.10 Prosequendo.
4.40 Fiddling.	4.40 Ski Captain.	
5.10 Minimize.	5.10 Minimize.	
5.45 Sporting Simon.	5.45 Hard To Figure.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 **CORRUPT** (nap). 5.10 Minimize.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M, 110YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SILVER SEAL WOODCOTE STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,365: 6f) (6 runners)

101 (5) 1111 DIAMOND MINE 5 (F,G) (P Savill) J Berry 9-2 K Darley ● 99
102 (1) 281 INKOSI 9 (D,F) (F Lee) F Lee 9-2 W Carson 74
103 (2) 12 WINDPOWER 19 (BF,F) (R Sangster) J Berry 9-2 Pat Eddery 92
104 (6) 2 SHOWBROOK 14 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 B Raymond 94
105 (4) 33 SIR VALID 8 (Maclaine Racing) W O'Gorman 8-11 W R Swinburn 81
106 (3) 2 FOREST FAIRY 9 (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 8-6 M Roberts 78

BETTING: 11-10 Diamond Mine, 7-2 Showbrook, 4-1 Windpower, 15-2 Sir Valid, 8-1 Inkosi, 16-1 Forest Fairy.

1990: SYLVA HONDA 8-11 M Roberts (7-1) C Brittain 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIAMOND MINE beat Computer Kid 2½l at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). INKOSI beat Chateau Nord 1½l at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). WINDPOWER, a winner at Carlisle (5f, good to firm), 1l 2nd to Seagull Hollow at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). SHOWBROOK sh hd 2nd to Fair Cop at Goodwood (6f, good). SIR VALID 3½l 3rd to Master Of Passion at Leicester (5f, good). FOREST FAIRY 1½l 2nd to Leonadis Polk at Redcar (5f, firm). Selection: DIAMOND MINE (nap)

2.45 DIOMED STAKES (Group III: £22,410: 1m 110yd) (12 runners) C4

201 (8) 2/15504- DOLPOUR 228 (BF,F,G) (G Greenwood) D Elsworth 5-9-6 Pat Eddery ● 99
202 (1) 050-304 ETON LAD 39 (CD,G) (W Said) N Callaghan 4-9-6 C Asmussen 91
203 (10) 10-0051 ARANY 29 (S) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 4-9-3 G Duffield 92
204 (3) 230-324 BAND ON THE RUN 20 (F,G) (D Allen) B McMahon 4-9-3 L Dettori 83
205 (11) 1/1513- ENHARMONIC 243 (F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3 S Cauthen 98
206 (9) 400-580 JUST THREE 39 (B,C,F,G,S) (B McGee) G Lewis 5-9-3 Paul Eddery 88
207 (6) 51120-1 MESSAGE PAD 37 (D,F,G) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-9-3 W R Swinburn 94
208 (12) 25120-0 NORTHERN HAL 49 (D,F) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 4-9-3 J Reid 88
209 (5) 041-15 FAIR AVERAGE 27 (D,BF,F,S) (R Barnett) H Candy 3-8-6 M Roberts 83
210 (4) 52113-0 PUNCH N'RUN 49 (F,G) (R Bernard) R Hannon 3-8-6 W Carson 92
211 (7) 43-2212 REGAL SABRE 7 (F,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-6 B Raymond 91
212 (2) 2300-60 SYLVA HONDA 20 (C,G) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-8-6 A Munro 91

BETTING: 4-1 Dolpour, 9-2 Eton Lad, 5-1 Enharmonic, Message Pad, 13-2 Fair Average, 8-1 Regal Sabre, 10-1 Punch N'Run, 12-1 others.

1990: ETON LAD 3-8-6 C Asmussen (12-1) N Callaghan 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOLPOUR 13½l 4th to Sesame at the Curragh (1m 4f, yielding to soft). ETON LAD 5¼l 4th to Noble Patriarch at Sandown (1m 2f, good). ARANY beat Langtry Lady 3½l at Chester (7f 122yd, good to soft). ENHARMONIC 2½l 3rd to Anshan at Goodwood (7f, good). MESSAGE PAD beat Lifewatch Vision nk at Pontefract (1m, firm). NORTHERN HAL nk 2nd to If Memory Serves at Newbury (1m, good to firm) last term. FAIR AVERAGE 8l 5th to Hundra at Chester (1m 2f 85yd, good). REGAL SABRE 1¾l 2nd to Leopoldo at Baden-Baden (1m 1f, good to firm). Selection: DOLPOUR

Chapple-Hyam collects again

PETER Chapple-Hyam's excellent start to training continued apace when Thousla Rock upset Jack Berry's long odds-on chance Bit-A-Magic at Folkestone yesterday.

Thousla Rock, who went off at 16-1, looks destined for a more glamorous stage judged on the way he defied the treble-seeking favourite throughout the final quarter-mile of the Wycliffe Hotel Median Auction Graduation Stakes.

Lady's Mantle thrives in the Folkestone air and again justified the long trip from Yorkshire when making virtually all the running under Steve Dawson in the Margate Sprint Handicap. The seven-year-old has visited the Kent course three times now, winning twice and finishing runner-up in this event last year.

YARMOUTH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Repique.	2.00 Silver Dilemma.
2.30 Hi Dol.	2.30 What's She Like.
3.00 Art Form.	3.00 Erevnon.
3.30 Every One A Gem.	3.30 Beija Flor.
4.00 FINANCE DANCER (nap).	4.00 Love And Legend.
4.30 Ziska.	4.30 Riviera Rainbow.
5.00 Blackwaterfoot.	5.00 Sunset Dreams.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 **FINANCE DANCER** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **ART FORM.**

GOING: FIRM (HARD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 BBC LOOK EAST MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,611: 6f 3yd) (11 runners)

1 (3) 0 CAHELIA 11 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 9-0 P Bratte —
2 (7) 0-32 DUPLICITY 12 (BF) (J Khan) L Holt 9-0 A McGlone 87
3 (4) GRAND GUIGNOL (H Morriss) G Wragg 9-0 F Norton (5) —
4 (8) 6 LIFFEY RIVER 8 (Mrs H Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 B Crossley 61
5 (6) RARFY'S DREAM (T Nerses) J Banks 9-0 G Carter —
6 (10) 433-24 SILVER DILEMMA 56 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane 80
7 (5) 0- TUDORGATEWAY 284 (G Grant) M Tompkins 9-0 R Hills —
8 (9) 0-2 YOUNG DUKE 50 (C Budd) M McCormack 9-0 W Newnes 81
9 (1) DESERT DITTY (H Lopes) W Jarvis 8-9 M Tebbutt —
10 (11) 2- REPIQUE 216 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 J Fortune ● 99
11 (2) VELOCITY (R Waugh) W Jarvis 8-9 N Day —

BETTING: 11-8 Repique, 7-2 Silver Dilemma, 5-1 Duplicity, 8-1 Young Duke, 10-1 Grand Guignol, 12-1 Cahelia, 14-1 Velocity, Grand Guignol, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.30 FLEGGS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,477: 6f 3yd) (13 runners)

1 (3) 45424 BASSIO 9 (Mrs S Derby) C Allen 8-11 Mick Denaro (7) ● 99
2 (2) 50 ENERGIC 39 (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 8-11 N Day 82
3 (13) 06 HI DOL 15 (J Robertson) G Lewis 8-11 R Cochrane 91
4 (8) 000 JOLTO 5 (K Payne) J Czerpak 8-11 N Adams —
5 (7) LIFETIME FORTUNE (E Landi) J Payne 8-11 A Cruz —
6 (1) MAGNETIC PRINCE (Mrs G Levy) G Blum 8-11 —
7 (6) 6 ROLY WALLACE 9 (Wallace Farms) K Ivory 8-11 C Scally (7) 72
8 (5) 0 SIGNORE DE ANGLES 7 (Mrs S Leggett) R Stubbs 8-11 E Guest —
9 (11) 06 BELLA RISK 11 (B) (Rolovale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-6 W Newnes —
10 (9) 43 CASHTAL QUEEN 25 (BF) (H Hughes) J Berry 8-6 R Hills 81
11 (12) 0 PRINCESS ANNIE 39 (G Blum) G Blum 8-6 —
12 (10) 5 WHAT'S SHE LIKE 39 (BF) (P Fitzgerald) M Tompkins 8-6 C Hodgson (5) —
13 (4) WYCHWOOD (Mrs P Player) W Jarvis 8-6 M Tebbutt —

BETTING: 11-4 Cashtal Queen, 3-1 Bassio, 9-2 What's She Like, 6-1 Hi Dol, 8-1 Roly Wallace, 10-1 Energic, 12-1 Bella Risk, 14-1 others.

1990: DUCK HANDS 8-6 N Day (7-1) M Tompkins 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	51	132	38.6	M Hills	17	84	20.2
J Berry	6	16	37.5	W Ryan	21	123	17.1
G Lewis	4	15	26.7	M Tebbutt	3	19	15.8
M Stoute	37	141	26.2	A McGlone	5	33	15.2
A Stewart	20	99	20.2	R Cochrane	25	176	14.2
L Cumani	23	123	18.7	G Carter	26	207	12.6

(Not including yesterday's results)

☐ Alan Munro, who has his second Derby ride today on Generous, yesterday watched recordings of Lester Piggott's record nine triumphs. The film show was screened for Munro at Piggott's Newmarket home. Piggott's father, Keith, talked over the videos, and Munro said: "I am very grateful for the help. Anything I can learn about riding in the Derby has got to be a big bonus." Munro was taking a leaf out of Ray Cochrane's book as he saw the same films before the 1988 race and went on to triumph aboard Kahyasi.

3.45 EVER READY DERBY C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £355,000: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

FOR RUNNERS & RIDERS - SEE RIGHT

4.40 NIGHT RIDER HANDICAP (£14,200: 5f) (17 runners) C4

401 (4) 3040-10 LOVE RETURNED 48 (D,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 4-9-13 L Piggott 85
402 (11) 0006-04 MIAMI BANKER 27 (B,CD,G,S) (J Amess) P Howling 5-9-12 W R Swinburn 93
403 (5) 40-5151 SINGING STAR 8 (D,F) (Five Star Racing) J Balding 5-9-0 (7ex) G Duffield 94
404 (6) 00-3032 SIGAMA 8 (D,F) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 5-8-13 W Carson ● 99
405 (18) 00500-0 VICEROY 22 (B,D,F,G) (F Gamma) W Pearce 4-8-11 D Nicholls 95
406 (9) 060011 AUGHFAD 5 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 5-8-9 (7ex) J Reid 93
407 (15) 000-321 GEMINI FIRE 21 (D,F,G,S) (P McMahon) M Naughton 7-8-8 M Roberts 94
408 (8) 425-500 JOE SUGDEN 25 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Allen) P Howling 7-8-8 L Dettori 98
409 (13) 20-0002 FIDDLING 12 (D,F) (Mrs R Watson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-5 D Holland (3) 93
410 (12) 003154- ASHTINA 172 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss S Joyner) J Sutcliffe 6-8-4 A Munro 92
411 (10) 353210 MAID WELCOME 13 (B,D,F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-3 J Marshall (7) 96
412 (14) 124043 LANGUEDOC 12 (D) (Mrs R Olivier) K McCauley 4-8-0 L Charnock 95
413 (3) 010004 FARMER JOCK 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-7-11 C Rutter 98
414 (2) 000401 SKI CAPTAIN 11 (D,F,G,S) (B Dickson) P Howling 7-7-9 T Williams 96
415 (17) 00650-5 MERTOLA'S PET 16 (D,F) (Capt. J George) L Cottrell 5-7-7 N Carlisle 87
416 (7) 00-0040 GALLANT HOPE 9 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 9-7-7 R Fox 89
417 (1) 602360- R A EXPRESS 225 (D,G) (R Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 6-7-7 J Quinn 82

Long handicap: Mertola's Pet 7-3, Gallant Hope 7-2, R A Express 7-1.

BETTING: 6-1 Fiddling, Gemini Fire, Mertola's Pet, 8-1 Sigama, 10-1 Languedoc, Miami Banker, 12-1 Ashtina, Aughfad, Singing Star, 14-1 Joe Sugden, 16-1 Love Returned, Viceroy, Maid Welcome, 20-1 others.

1990: MIAMI BANKER 4-9-10 M Roberts (9-1) P Arthur 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOVE RETURNED beat Timeless Times 3½l at Carlisle (5f, good) on penultimate start. MIAMI BANKER 2¼l 4th to Pont Aven at Longchamp (5f, heavy). SINGING STAR beat SIGAMA (7lb better off) 1l at Redcar (5f, firm). AUGHFAD beat Respectable Jones ¾l at Goodwood (6f, good). GEMINI FIRE beat Lucedeo 1½l at York (5f, good to firm) with SINGING STAR (1lb worse off) 1l 5th and SIGAMA 7½l 13th. FIDDLING 1½l 2nd to Dominuet at Haydock (5f, good) with LANGUEDOC (2lb better off) ¾l 3rd. MAID WELCOME beat Orient Air 3½l on penultimate start at Redcar (5f, hard). SKI CAPTAIN made all to beat Tauber a neck at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). Selection: SIGAMA

5.10 BUTTERLEY BRICK HANDICAP (£17,385: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

501 (4) 2410-33 KAHER 22 (F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 4-9-10 L Piggott 91
502 (7) 00-5165 OPERATION WOLF 32 (D,BF,F) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) C Brittain 5-9-8 M Roberts 98
503 (13) 42020-2 MINIMIZE 43 (D,F) (R Shannon) L Cumani 4-9-3 L Dettori 93
504 (10) 3020-00 FIRE TOP 42 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 6-9-3 Pat Eddery 90
505 (5) 1605-11 GILDERDALE 11 (CD,F,G) (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 9-9-2 D Holland (3) 95
506 (2) 6210-04 SLIPRAIL 18 (D,F) (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 4-8-10 C Rutter 90
507 (14) 31 PROSEQUENDO 11 (H Turney McKnight) B Hanbury 4-8-9 B Raymond 97
508 (9) 1110-05 MAKESHIFT 7 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) A Lee 4-8-8 J Quinn 87
509 (12) 00-0410 YOU KNOW THE RULES 9 (BF,F,G) (J Henwood) M Channon 4-8-7 A Munro 90
510 (8) 1-21100 RAPPORTEUR 50 (D,F) (R Berenson) C Elsey 5-8-4 J Reid ● 99
511 (3) 40010-3 HALKOPOUS 9 (F,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 5-8-4 A Clark 94
512 (6) 0-00240 FOX CHAPEL 18 (F,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 4-8-2 G Duffield 87
513 (1) 0550-15 ADMIRALTY WAY 11 (D,G,S) (C Murphy) M O'Neill 5-7-11 A Mackay 98
514 (11) 324/151 REINE DE THEBES 5 (F) (Winning Post Racing) M Tompkins 4-7-9 (5ex) Dale Gibson 84

BETTING: 6-1 Gilderdale, Minimize, Prosequendo, 8-1 Fire Top, Halkopous, Kaher, 10-1 Operation Wolf, Sliprail, You Know The Rules, 16-1 Fox Chapel, 20-1 Admiralty Way, Rapporteur, 25-1 Makeshift, 33-1 Reine De Thebes.

1990: FIRE TOP 5-8-11 R Cochrane (10-1) R Akehurst 11 ran

5.45 CRAVEN HANDICAP (£8,637: 7f) (14 runners)

601 (7) 1221- JAWAB 335 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-10-0 M Roberts 87
602 (14) 310-214 SKY CLOUD 29 (D,BF,F,S) (S Harper) R Akehurst 5-9-5 Pat Eddery 96
603 (13) 450-301 PARLIAMENT PIECE 18 (V,D,F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 5-9-3 W Carson 96
604 (3) 30003-2 ALTAIA 9 (D,F) (P Deal) W Haggas 4-9-0 L Piggott 98
605 (1) 2/10350- DAUNTESS 236 (D,G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 4-8-13 B Rouse 86
606 (2) 000-010 FARM STREET 29 (CD,G,S) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 4-8-13 S Cauthen 97
607 (5) 00-0511 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 4 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-8-12 (5ex) F Norton (5) 98
608 (6) 6000-03 HARD TO FIGURE 25 (CD,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-8-11 J Williams 97
609 (10) 330-102 CAUSLEY 18 (F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 6-8-8 B Raymond 98
610 (12) 1402-00 SPORTING SIMON 29 (CD,F,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 6-8-4 G Bardwell 97
611 (8) 0000-52 BOLD ANGEL 11 (F) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 4-8-4 M Birch 98
612 (11) 112-660 ODILEX 30 (C,F,S) (Mrs A Brodie) N Gaselee 4-7-11 Dale Gibson 97
613 (4) 000453 FOOLISH TOUCH 19 (V,D,F,G,S) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 9-7-7 A Mackay 98
614 (9) 30-5002 QUALITAIR DREAM 13 (G,S) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-7-7 J Quinn 99

Long handicap: Qualitair Dream 7-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Altaia, 11-2 Cheveux Mitchell, Sky Cloud, 7-1 Parliament Piece, 8-1 Jawab, Causley, 10-1 Hard To Figure, 12-1 Qualitair Dream, 14-1 Farm Street, 16-1 others.

1990: SPORTING SIMON 5-8-2 G Bardwell (4-1 fav) B Millman 14 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	11	36	30.6	L Dettori	3	15	20.0
J Berry	8	27	29.6	G Duffield	5	27	18.5
L Cumani	8	34	23.5	S Cauthen	29	162	17.9
A Stewart	4	19	21.1	Pat Eddery	34	193	17.6
R Whitaker	5	24	20.8	M Roberts	14	98	14.1
H Candy	5	26	19.2	W Carson	21	154	13.6

3.00 ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT HANDICAP (£2,709: 1m 6f 17yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 14306-2 CALGARY REDEYE 26 (B,BF,F) (A Hollingworth) P Makin 4-10-0 T Sprake (5) 92
2 (5) 06-1011 ART FORM 9 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-0 T McLoughlin (7) ● 99
3 (1) 3031-06 EREVNON 54 (D) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-8 R Cochrane 91
4 (3) 0-00442 VAIRAGYA 19 (V) (D Woods) A Hide 4-9-2 W Newnes 88
5 (4) 60-0605 ASH AMOUR 8 (S) (T Minahan) R Williams 4-7-10 R Street 93

BETTING: 7-4 Art Form, 5-2 Erevnon, 4-1 Calgary Redeye, 6-1 Ash Amour, 10-1 Vairagya.

1990: CREEAGER 8-9-4 S Turner (4-1) J Wharton 7 ran

3.30 RADIO NORFOLK TEA FOR TWO HANDICAP (£3,984: 1m 2f 21yd) (8 runners)

1 (2) 41 BEIJA FLOR 28 (F) (C St George) H Cecil 4-9-11 A McGlone 94
2 (5) 623-051 MIDDAY SHOW 16 (D,F) (Bingdon Builders Ltd) J Jenkins 4-9-10 J Fortune 82
3 (3) 213-000 SNO SERENADE 9 (F,G) (D Gibbin) B Jones 5-9-6 V Smith 95
4 (8) 053031 BANKROLL 7 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-6 (5ex) A Morris 98
5 (6) 6520-20 FREAK TOSS 15 (B) (S Hui) J Eustace 4-9-4 A Cruz 95
6 (7) 104111 EVERY ONE A GEM 5 (D,F) (G Green) M Ryan 4-9-1 (5ex) G Carter 90
7 (4) 4000-00 ROYAL VERSE 11 (F) (B Lynch) J Scargill 4-8-13 B Crossley ● 99
8 (1) 30-5505 EXPRESS ACCOUNT 9 (D,F,G) (D Wilson) R Williams 4-8-13 R Cochrane 94

BETTING: 9-4 Beija Flor, 3-1 Every One A Gem, 4-1 Midday Show, 6-1 Express Account, 8-1 Bankroll, 10-1 Freak Toss, 12-1 Sno Serenade, 20-1 Royal Verse.

1990: LOTS OF LUCK 7-9-3 D McKeown (15-2) J Pearce 9 ran

4.00 BBC SOUTH & EAST MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,745: 1m 3f 101yd) (12 runners)

1 (12) 0 CARLY-B 11 (B Linke) M Ryan 8-11 A Cruz —
2 (9) 2 FINANCE DANCER 28 (T Dartford) A Stewart 8-11 R Hills ● 99
3 (3) 0 HIGH HABIT 28 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11 R Cochrane 85
4 (7) INQUIRENDO (G Leigh) L Cumani 8-11 J Fortune —
5 (8) 6- KAIKOURA 207 (J Slade) W Jarvis 8-11 M Tebbutt —
6 (1) 5-44 LA STRAVAGANZA 15 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-11 N Day 83
7 (6) 4- LOVE AND LEGEND 217 (M Samlalsingh) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 90
8 (11) 0- NASWARA 233 (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cecil 8-11 S Davies (7) —
9 (10) 5 NIMIEZA 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 M Hills —
10 (5) 00 SARAH-CLARE 30 (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 8-11 G Carter —
11 (4) SHAR EMBLEM (J Pearce) J Pearce 8-11 N Adams —
12 (2) 46- TRISETTE 226 (Mrs D Butler) W Jarvis 8-11 A McGlone 75

BETTING: Evens Finance Dancer, 3-1 Love And Legend, 6-1 Inquirendo, 8-1 High Habit, 10-1 Nimieza, 14-1 Naswara, 16-1 others.

1990: CUM LAUDE 8-11 W Ryan (9-2) H Cecil 12 ran

4.30 RADIO SUFFOLK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,651: 1m 3yd) (11 runners)

1 (6) 0 GRAND HAWK 11 (E Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0 A Cruz 70
2 (9) 55- LAXMI 218 (Mrs I Phillips) M Stoute 9-0 P D'Arcy 86
3 (8) LIVELY LUKE (C C Carpets Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0 R Cochrane —
4 (11) 62 RIVIERA RAINBOW 11 (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 W Newnes 82
5 (4) 26- THIBAAIN 231 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 79
6 (3) UN SOUVERAIN (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 N Adams —
7 (2) 00 WILTOSKI 13 (Albury Racing Ltd) K Ivory 9-0 M Wigham 60
8 (1) LOURE (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 J Fortune —
9 (10) 0 PETOSKI'S CHOICE 11 (P King) M Ryan 8-9 G Carter —
10 (5) 33-2 THE DAWN TRADER 25 (G Carroll) M Jarvis 8-9 G Crealock ● 99
11 (7) 3- ZISKA 214 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 90

BETTING: 5-4 Ziska, 3-1 The Dawn Trader, 7-2 Riviera Rainbow, 4-1 Loure, 6-1 Laxmi, 8-1 Grand Hawk, 10-1 Un Souverain, 12-1 Thibaain, 14-1 others.

1990: QUAVERING 9-0 G Baxter (9-2) J Gosden 19 ran

5.00 HEYDON HALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,412: 6f 3yd) (8 runners)

1 (2) 0232-06 MALUNAR 5 (D,S) (G Grant) M Tompkins 6-10-0 M Godsafe (5) 95
2 (1) 010001 SUNSET DREAMS 2 (B,D,F,G) (T Nerses) J Czerpak 4-9-12 (5ex) S Haworth 94
3 (5) 213220 BLACKWATERFOOT 1 (BF,S) (Mrs P Fitzall) R Boss 4-9-11 C Pollard 84
4 (3) 506000 YOUNG SHADOWFAX 21 (D,F) (A Irish) C Allen 4-9-9 Mick Denaro 98
5 (7) 160000- BLAZING PEARL 260 (CD,F) (C Thompson) R King 3-8-10 S D Williams 89
6 (4) 000- SUNBURST PRINCESS 217 (A Solanou) J Banks 3-8-9 E Bentley 80
7 (6) 0-00000 FIRST FLUSH 5 (B,C,D,G) (R Skeggs) K Ivory 5-8-0 C Scally 98
8 (8) 00000-3 KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 8 (P Bradley) J Pearce 3-8-0 A Liggins (5) ● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Blackwaterfoot, 3-1 Malunar, 4-1 Sunset Dreams, 6-1 Kirby Opportunity, 8-1 Young Shadowfax, 10-1 Blazing Pearl, 12-1 others.

1990: HENRY WILL 6-8-8 J Fenning (11-2) T Fairhurst 8 ran

BIG RACE LINE-UP

3.45 EVER READY DERBY C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £355,000: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

301 (9) 312-533 AROKAT 12 (G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 Paul Eddery 52
(gr c Caro - Katsura) (Green, pink sash & cap, white sleeves)
302 (3) 1425-11 CORRUPT 25 (F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 C Asmussen 92
(b c Lear Fan - Nirvanita) (Pink, purple epaulets, purple cap)
303 (13) 61-351 ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 21 (F,G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 9-0 G Duffield 91
(gr c Cozzene - Water Woo) (Yellow, black & yellow striped sleeves, white cap)
304 (10) 23011-4 GENEROUS 32 (F,G) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 85
(ch c Caerleon - Doff The Derby) (Dark green)
305 (7) 04-4121 HAILSHAM 10 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 S Cauthen 80
(b c Riverman - Halo's Princess) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
306 (12) 1111-11 HECTOR PROTECTOR 31 (G,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 F Head 94
(ch c Woodman - Korveya) (Dark blue, light blue cross-belts, striped sleeves, white cap)
307 (1) 11-304 HOKUSAI 10 (F,G) (C B St. George) H Cecil 9-0 L Piggott 80
(b c Fighting Fit - Angling) (Black, white chevron hoop & cap)
308 (4) 4-541 HUNDRA 27 (G) (Yahya Nasib) P Kelleway 9-0 B Raymond 71
(ch c Arctic Tern - Nur Jahan) (Emerald green, white cap, red star)
309 (2) 1-10 MARJU 32 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 84
(br c Last Tycoon - Flame Of Tara) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)
310 (8) 23114-0 MUJAAZIF 32 (F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 83
(b c Alydar - Miss Snowflake) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
311 (6) 213-11 MYSTIKO 32 (F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts ● 99
(gr c Secreto - Caracciola) (Beaver brown, maple leaf green cross-belts & cap)
312 (5) 132-122 STAR OF GDANSK 18 (S) (Henryk De Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0 C Roche 98
(ch c Danzig Connection - Star Empress) (White, red cross-belts, red & white hooped sleeves)
313 (11) 1-31 TOULON 29 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 Pat Eddery 89
(b c Top Ville - Green Rock) (Green, pink epaulets, white sleeves, pink cap)

BETTING: 7-2 Toulon, 4-1 Mystiko, 5-1 Corrupt, 7-1 Hector Protector, 8-1 Generous, 12-1 Environment Friend, 14-1 Star Of Gdansk, 16-1 Marju, 33-1 Mujaazif, Hailsham, 40-1 Hokusai, 66-1 Hundra, 250-1 Arokat.

1990: QUEST FOR FAME 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-1) R Charlton 18 ran

SELECTIONS: Mandarin (Michael Phillips): Toulon. Thunderer: Hector Protector. Michael Seely: Corrupt. Newmarket Correspondent: Corrupt. Private Handicapper: Mystiko.

Form guide to the 13 contenders

AROKAT

May 24, Haydock, good: (9-7) 3½l 3rd to Second Set (9-7) (1m 40yd, £4,010, 3 ran).

May 9, Chester, good: see HUNDRA.

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-11) 4l 5th to Half A Tick (1m 1f, listed, £13,275, 5 ran).

CORRUPT

May 11, Lingfield, good: (9-0) beat Young Buster 4l (1m 3f 106yd, group III, £34,780, 8 ran).

Mar 30, Kempton, good: (8-10) beat Selkirk 2l with ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (8-10) 3½l 3rd (1m, £12,640, 10 ran).

Aug 2, Goodwood: good to firm: see GENEROUS.

ENVIRONMENT FRIEND

May 15, York, good to firm: (9-0) beat HAILSHAM (9-0) 5l (1m 2f 110yd, group II, £69,426, 8 ran).

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: see MARJU.

Mar 30, Kempton, good: see CORRUPT.

GENEROUS

May 4, Newmarket, good: see MYSTIKO.

Oct 19, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Bog Trotter (9-0) ¾l (7f, group I, £117,609, 8 ran).

Sep 18, Sandown, good to firm: (9-4) beat Rahdari (8-9) 1½l (1m, £4,265, 4 ran).

Aug 2, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-11) 4½l 3rd to Mukaddamah with CORRUPT 13½l 5th (7f, group III, £18,494, 6 ran).

HAILSHAM

May 26, Capannelle, good: (9-2) beat Marcus Thorpe (9-2) 1¾l (1m 4f, group I, £277,226, 20 ran).

May 15, York, good to firm: see ENVIRONMENT FRIEND.

Apr 27, Sandown, good: (8-11) beat Jaffa Line (8-11) sh hd (1m 2f, group III, £35,460, 5 ran).

Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: see MUJAAZIF.

HECTOR PROTECTOR

May 5, Longchamp, soft: (9-2) beat Acteur Francais (9-2) a hd (1m, group I, £101,833, 6 ran).

Apr 11, Longchamp, good: (9-2) beat Acteur Francais (9-2) 2l (1m, group III, £21,057, 6 ran).

Oct 6, Longchamp, good to soft: (8-11) beat Masterclass (8-11) 2½l (1m, group I, £128,617, 5 ran)

HOKUSAI

May 26, Longchamp, good to firm: (9-2) 4½l 4th to Sillery (9-2) (1m 1f 55yd, group I, £50,916, 7 ran).

May 4, Newmarket, good: see MYSTIKO.

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: see MARJU.

HUNDRA

May 9, Chester, good: (8-8) beat Half A Tick (9-2) 1l with AROKAT (8-12) 3½l 3rd (1m 2f 85yd, £23,491, 9 ran).

Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 6¾l 4th to Young Buster (9-0) (1m 4f, £4,425, 9 ran).

Apr 1, Kempton, good: (9-0) 14½l 5th to Fly Away Soon (9-0) (1m 2f, £3,028, 19 ran).

MARJU

May 4, Newmarket, good: see MYSTIKO.

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) beat Desert Sun (8-9) 1½l with HOKUSAI (8-9) hd 3rd, HAILSHAM (8-9) 3½l 4th and ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (8-9) 2l 5th (1m, group III, £23,193, 8 ran).

Sep 6, York, good to firm: (8-6) beat Road To The Isle (8-11) 6l (7f, £4,542, 11 ran).

MUJAAZIF

May 4, Newmarket, good: see MYSTIKO.

Oct 27, Doncaster, soft: (9-0) 19l 4th to Peter Davies (9-0) (1m, group I, £159,162, 4 ran).

Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: (8-10) beat Jahafil (8-10) 3½l with HAILSHAM (8-10) 7½l 4th (1m, group II, £71,478, 8 ran).

MYSTIKO

May 4, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Lycius (9-0) hd with GENEROUS (9-0) 8½l 4th, HOKUSAI (9-0) 3½l 8th, MARJU (9-0) 5l 11th and MUJAAZIF (9-0) 12l 13th (1m, group I, £107,944, 14 ran).

Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-2) beat Zigaura (9-2) 3½l (7f, £25,232, 11 ran).

Aug 22, York, good: (9-0) 6½l 3rd to Mujtahid (9-3) (6f, group II, £46,854, 5 ran).

STAR OF GDANSK

May 18, The Curragh, good: (9-0) hd 2nd to Fourstars Allstar (9-0) (1m, group I, £134,400, 12 ran).

May 8, Leopardstown, good: (8-12) ½l 2nd to Thornberry (1m, £6,902, 5 ran).

Apr 27, The Curragh, good to yielding: (8-9) beat Archway (8-9) 1l (7f, group III, £14,375, 8 ran).

TOULON

May 7, Chester, good to soft: (8-11) beat Luchiroverte (8-11) 1½l (1m 4f 65yd, group III, £29,268, 5 ran).

Apr 21, Longchamp, good to soft: (9-2) 4¾l 3rd to Suave Dancer (1m 2f 110yd, group II, £31,217, 9 ran).

Oct 25, Longchamp, good: (8-12) beat Sarajoudin (8-12) nk (1m 1f, £8,575, 9 ran).

Selection: ENVIRONMENT FRIEND

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN

6.45 Saville Way. 7.10 Brown Fairy. 7.35 Nur. 8.05 Zonda. 8.35 Talish. 9.05 Field Of Honour.

THUNDERER

6.45 Escape Talk. 7.10 American Hero. 7.35 Nur. 8.05 Never In The Red. 8.35 Q-Eight. 9.05 Carnival Baby.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 HURN APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,933: 1m 2f) (19)

1 /P0- SEE NOW 22J (G) Mrs A Knight 6-10-0 S Drowne (7) 11
2 14-4 KATIE JO 151 (D,G,S) J Akehurst 5-9-8 S O'Gorman 2
3 /000 PREFABRICATE 30 J Harris 5-8-13 A Bates (7) 8
4 0630 BELL TURRET 9 (D,G) A Potts 4-8-13 D Biggs 7
5 3-02 DOIRE 8 T Fairhurst 3-8-10 J Fanning 19
6 00-0 CHART CROSS 11 (F) K Bridgwater 5-8-6 A Tucker 10
7 0-64 MANAOLANA 33 Denys Smith 3-8-6 NON-RUNNER 17
8 050 ABU NASSER 21 (B) J Czerpak 3-8-5 G Hind 15
9 0046 ALLEZ-OOPS 9 (D,F) A Smith 4-8-3 K Rutter 6
10 0-44 PAQUERETTE 23 A Smith 3-8-3 S Wood 1
11 500- MARTINSTAR 5J Mrs A Knight 4-8-3 B Lane 3
12 4454 QUALITAIR BLAZER 18 (V) J Bottomley 4-8-3 N Kennedy 14
13 -000 SMOKE 19 (B) J Parkes 5-8-2 G Parkin (7) 12
14 -556 BRIDGE PLAYER 44 D Moffatt 4-8-1 A Garth (7) 16
15 00-0 DOUBLE STRAND 57 R Whitaker 4-8-0 M Herrington (7) 9
16 0-00 QUALITAIR PROMISE 8 J Bottomley 3-7-13 J Weaver 13
17 0-43 ESCAPE TALK 6 (C,BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-11 P Turner (7) 5
18 0-05 SAVILLE WAY 9 W Musson 4-7-11 R Price 18
19 6000 MR CHEEKYCHOPS 11 (C,G) M Brittain 4-7-11 S Maloney 4

3-1 Escape Talk, 9-2 Chart Cross, 6-1 Katie Jo, Doire, 8-1 Qualitair Blazer, 10-1 Saville Way, 12-1 Bridge Player, 14-1 others.

7.10 SCARBOROUGH HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,245: 1m 100yd) (9)

1 -142 BROWN FAIRY 7 (C,BF,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 9-7 R Cochrane 8
2 4-20 CHIEF ORNAMENT 30 (BF) H Cecil 9-6 W Ryan 9
3 0215 AMERICAN HERO 9 (D,F) C Tinkler 9-4 T Quinn 7
4 346- CRAZY HORSE DANCER 237 J Etherington 8-12 K Darley 6
5 -502 WHO'S TEF 25 (F) M H Easterby 8-10 K Fallon 3
6 4-50 CHARLAFRIVOLA 11 F Lee 8-10 S Perks 4
7 6-00 KAMART 40 (G) Denys Smith 8-1 A Culhane 5
8 4000 TYRIAN PURPLE 5 R Hollinshead 7-11 G Hind (3) 2
9 00-0 PERSONALITY CLASH 21 T Thomson Jones 7-9 J Lowe 1

9-4 Chief Ornament, 7-2 Brown Fairy, 5-1 American Hero, 6-1 Who's Tef, 8-1 Charlafrivola, 10-1 Crazy Horse Dancer, 12-1 others.

7.35 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY

(2-Y-O fillies: £7,755: 5f) (8)

1 01 HERORA 9 (G) N Graham 8-10 A McGlone 5
2 13 LADY OF MANN 8 (D) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 Paul Eddery 6
3 12 MAMMA'S TOO 12 (D,BF,F) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 4
4 213 MY ABBEY 29 (D,F) E Alston 8-10 K Fallon 2
5 1 NUR 12 (D,G) H Thomson Jones 8-10 R Hills 1
6 12 TWO-SHOES 37 (D,BF,F) M Bell 8-10 M Hills 8
7 02 AMOUREUSE 27 E Owen jun 8-6 C Dwyer 7
8 0 ANGELS ANSWER 38 Mrs J Jordan 8-6 W Ryan 3

5-2 Herora, 3-1 Mamma's Too, 7-2 Nur, 6-1 My Abbey, 8-1 Two-Shoes, 10-1 Lady Of Mann, 16-1 Amoreuse, 33-1 Angels Answer

8.05 GRP MASSEY SPRINT STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,590: 5f) (6)

1 25-3 NEVER IN THE RED 27 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-9 J Carroll 5
2 15-3 ZONDA 35 (F) P Cole 3-8-12 T Quinn 6
3 6-26 SIXOFUS 62 (BF,F) R Boss 3-8-11 R Cochrane 1
4 51 ROYALE ROBINIA 6 (F) R Whitaker 3-8-10 A Culhane 3
5 -215 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 25 (D,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-6 S Perks 2
6 0 FRIENDLY SONG 28 T Fairhurst 3-8-1 J Fanning (5) 4

4-5 Zonda, 5-1 Never In The Red, 6-1 Royale Robinia, 8-1 Simmie's Special, 12-1 Sixofus, 50-1 Friendly Song.

8.35 BIRTHRIGHT HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,340: 1m 4f) (11)

1 2-60 NOBLE SOCIETY 23 E Weymes 9-7 K Fallon 3
2 4-33 RUNNING SHADOW 18 J Etherington 9-4 K Darley 5
3 -064 BRANDON PRINCE 16 (B) I Balding 9-4 R Cochrane 11
4 0022 Q-EIGHT 4 (BF) J Czerpak 9-4 A McGlone 7
5 200 JEWEL OF THE NILE 16 D Morley 9-2 G Hind (3) 6
6 -430 RAJAYA 23 A Scott 9-1 J Fortune 2
7 60-0 THE LAST EMPRESS 16 P Cole 8-12 T Quinn 10
8 0-63 TALISH 19 C Brittain 8-9 B Doyle (5) 8
9 00-5 NISHKINA 8 M H Easterby 8-7 M Birch 1
10 50-0 CINDEROSA 36 (V) T Thomson Jones 8-3 J Lowe 9
11 5004 ROBINS RETURN 8 Denys Smith 7-10 J Fanning (5) 4

5-2 Talish, 7-2 Q-Eight, 9-2 Running Shadow, 6-1 Rajaya, 8-1 Brandon Prince, 10-1 Noble Society, 12-1 others.

9.05 WELTON MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,629: 1m 100yd) (4)

1 0-2 BARESI 15 H Cecil 3-8-10 W Ryan 1
2 85-3 CARNIVAL BABY 11 M Stoute 3-8-10 Paul Eddery 3
3 4 FIELD OF HONOUR 40 (BF) L Cumani 3-8-10 J Fortune 4
4 60- SLICK STYLE 225 J Etherington 3-8-5 K Darley 2

Evens Carnival Baby, 2-1 Baresi, 11-4 Field Of Honour, 50-1 Slick Style.

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TRAINERS: L Cumani, 10 winners from 18 runners, 55.6%; H Cecil, 24 from 48, 50.0%; P Cole, 10 from 35, 28.6%; H Thomson Jones, 10 from 36, 27.8%; M Stoute, 18 from 70, 25.7%; I Balding, 11 from 49, 22.4%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 8 winners from 38 rides, 21.1%; R Cochrane, 20 from 109, 18.3%; W Ryan, 18 from 105, 17.1%; N Kennedy, 4 from 26, 15.4%; M Hills, 10 from 70, 14.3%; J Fortune, 9 from 63, 14.3%.

Tests on Cruachan

CRUACHAN, strongly fancied for the Ever Ready Derby until sustaining an injury recently, will spend today travelling to Newmarket instead of Epsom.

The Lear Fan colt is to spend some time at the Animal Health Trust where he will undergo tests and X-rays to determine the extent of his leg injury.

Geoff Lawson, assistant to trainer Guy Harwood, said at Folkestone yesterday: "We don't really know what he has done, but I suspect it is the knee on his near-fore. Hopefully he'll be back soon and our new swimming pool — which will be finished in a fortnight — should help get him fit again."

Cruachan looked a high-class colt when easily beating Saddlers' Hall in a graduation race at York, and had been equally impressive when landing a Leicester maiden previously.

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Benson backs up his credentials with fine century

By JACK BAILEY

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of three): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 348 runs behind Kent

THOSE who have been advocating the presence of a left-hander high in the order in the England team, the better to combat the West Indies' pace attack and thus take some of the weight off the shoulders of Hick and Co, were given more ammunition at the Neville Ground yesterday.

Mark Benson, high on the list of such candidates by most people's reckoning, made a fine century against Warwickshire, the leaders of the county championship, and with an attack which has been largely responsible for getting them there.

Donald, the Warwickshire spearhead, was somewhat blunted by a heavy cold and bowled only nine overs all day, but he was menacing enough early on when the ball was new and the pitch lively. It was, however, Reeve who prevented Kent from running amok after Benson and Cowdrey had put them in command, and Cowdrey and Fleming had carried on.

His lively medium pace produced a late-afternoon spell of five wickets for 27 runs from 41 balls, including an eight-ball period in which he took three for no runs as Kent slid from 265 for three to a useful, but by no means awesome, 352.

Benson's 105 — his third score of more than 100 this season, including one off 257 — was paced admirably to meet the needs of his team. When Kent were in dire trouble against Donald, Small and Munton at the outset, he set out his stall to survive, his judgment of the ball to leave being a prime asset.

He nursed Kent through an edgy pre-lunch session during which they lost Taylor and Ward with only nine on the board, and Benson survived a chance to Donald at point off Reeve when he had made 23 in 25 watchful overs. Then, immediate danger averted, he used the post-lunch period to launch himself.

Accompanied in a stand of 110 in 19 overs by Graham Cowdrey, Kent's second centurion, Benson reached his first fifty from 113 balls. His second half-century came from only 39 in a spell which saw him collect a six and nine fours — he hit 16 fours in all — and, if ever a side was put to the sword, it was Warwickshire at this juncture.

Poor Booth, a promising slow left-arm bowler, will bear the scars for a while. He went for 20 from one over, 11 from another. But nobody was safe.

Benson might still have been there, so well was he playing, had he not forgotten that circumnavigating a Cowdrey coming towards you is likely to cost at least two yards.

In this case it also cost him his wicket as, in coming back for a second run, he met Graham coming the other way, swerved wide and dashed for the line, but reached it too late to beat Ratcliffe's direct hit from the boundary.

Thereafter, Cowdrey survived one or two near things on the way to his second century of the season. In the light of what happened when Reeve let fly at the middle order it was a valuable innings.

But the day belonged to Benson, which goes to show there is something to be said for choosing your own sponsor. While most of the Kent team were wearing the colours of the team's leading benefactors, Blue Circle, Benson was sporting an outfit bearing the name of a firm of local opticians.

☐ Northamptonshire are considering switching their Refuge Assurance League match against Essex on August 11 from Peterborough to Northampton.

Peterborough has not staged county cricket since 1974, and it is scheduled to be Northamptonshire's first visit there. But the club's chief executive, Steve Coverdale, is concerned at the small amount of sponsorship the fixture has so far attracted.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Boundary-bound: Fowler, of Lancashire, on his way to a half-century at Basingstoke

TENNIS

Lendl soon draws the sting from Haycock's game

By BARRY WOOD

IVAN Lendl was in jovial mood at Beckenham yesterday, despite the periods of rain that threatened to interupt his progress into the third round of the Direct Line Insurance tournament.

His 6-2, 6-4 win over Jonathan Haycock lacked drama, except when the 19-year-old from Surrey was stung by a bee immediately after allowing Lendl to break for a 3-2 lead. Play was suspended as Haycock awaited medical attention and Lendl entertained by offering various remedies from his bag.

The top seed took his game seriously enough though, and not unexpectedly, looked much sharper than his opponent, with the pace in his serve placing Haycock under considerable pressure. But after the match Lendl brushed aside all attempts to probe his state of mind, preferring flippant answers to revealing his true feelings about his approach to obtaining the one major title that has so far eluded him.

He did admit, however, that he has settled into grass-court play more easily this year, crediting the three months he devoted in 1990 to preparing for Wimbledon.

Two players who have enjoyed distinguished careers, but are now struggling, met opposite fates against British opponents. Belinda Cordwell, a former semi-finalist at the Australian Open, was defeated 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 by Sarah Loosemore, and Robin White, once ranked No. 15 in the world, struggled to overcome Julie Salmon by 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Loosemore's performance was most encouraging, for although she is wary of grass she proved that she is perfectly capable of adapting her game to it. She played intelligently from the baseline and looked comfortable when coming in to volley. She might have won more swiftly had she not slipped when holding a point to win the first set 6-4.

Salmon fell away at the end. Serving for the match at 5-4, she double-faulted three times, and won only three points in the final three games.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: G Pozzi (It) bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; J Hunter (GB) bt N Russell (GB), 6-3, 7-6; J Turner (GB) bt L Sabin (GB), 6-1, 6-3. Second round: I Lendl (Cz) bt J Haycock (GB), 6-2, 6-4; L Herrera (Mex) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-2, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt D Sapsford (GB), 6-3, 6-2; P Galbraith (US) bt J Kriek (US), 6-4, 7-6; J Grabb (US) bt P Annacone (US), 6-2, 7-5; C Caratti (It) bt R Matheson (GB), 6-1, 6-4; K Kinnear (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; Pozzi bt Hunter, 6-3, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt J Martyn (GB), 6-1, 6-1; B Pearce (US) bt R Seguso (US), 6-3, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt C Bailey (GB), 7-6, 6-3.
Women's singles: Second round: L Novelo (Mex) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; V Humphreys-Davies (GB) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; C Benjamin (US) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Y Basuki (Indo) bt S Nicholson (Ire), 6-1, 6-2; R White (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; S Loosemore (GB) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; P Shriver (US) bt L Field (Aus), 6-3 7-5; A Strnadova (Cz) bt B Borneo (GB), 6-1, 6-4; E Smylie (Aus) bt C Billingham (GB), 6-1, 6-2; K Radford (Aus) bt M Javer (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; G Magers (US) bt K Date (Japan), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3

Cook and Tavaré in control

By IVO TENNANT

SWANSEA (first day of three; Somerset won the toss): Somerset have scored 422 for five against Glamorgan.

LAST year Jimmy Cook made a triple hundred against Glamorgan, the highest score of his prolific career. To say he settled for 152 against them yesterday would be wrong, for he would willingly have gone on and on. As it was, he was outscored, if not outshone, by Chris Tavaré, whose 162 was intelligently constructed.

Cook and his captain made 242 in 68 overs out of a total of 422 for five, as opposed to 285 in partnership at Cardiff last year. Tavaré's century suffered nothing by way of comparison with Cook. In other words, this was a hugely enjoyable day unless you were a Welshman.

Glamorgan's misfortune was to come up against Somerset after Cook and Tavaré had both made centuries against the West Indians. Nothing could give a batsman greater confidence.

The square here is worn already — a legacy of a great deal of cricket — and has been examined by the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches. This pitch may not last. Midway through the afternoon the ball went through the top for the first time, but Cook and Tavaré were going so well by then that they could hardly have noticed.

Glamorgan's difficulties were compounded by being without Watkin and Foster. In addition, Shastri is so short of confidence in his own bowling that he is playing only as a batsman. A county like Lancashire may be able to carry a left-arm spinner who scarcely bowls, but not Glamorgan.

Glamorgan began creditably enough. Frost had Roebuck caught at gully, square cutting a ball that bounced extravagantly. Hayhurst then followed one from Barwick and was caught behind. Cook, though was already batting with astonishing competence. His attacking shots, sometimes hard to gauge since there is nothing like a full follow through of the bat, always seemed to pierce the field.

His timing was everything. At lunch he had made 78, at tea 141. There was never a semblance of a chance since the ball never went in the air. He was rigorously tested only by the variations of Croft.

Cook reached 150 off 260 balls with 21 fours before he was bowled by Frost, aiming his characteristic flick to leg of the short-of-a-length ball on off stump. There was a freedom now about Tavaré's batting that evoked his approach to the game before he became yoked to Test cricket. He had struck 25 fours, when he skied Barwick to cover. Surprisingly, he chose not to declare.

Injuries fail to dampen the Northamptonshire spirit

By RICHARD STREETON

NORTHAMPTON: (first day of three; Northamptonshire won toss). Worcestershire have scored 236 for six wickets against Northamptonshire

THREE wickets in 14 balls in a closing spell by Tony Penberthy, one of the few Cornishmen in the county game, spoiled Worcestershire's hopes of a large total yesterday. Penberthy persevered gamely with his medium-fast bowling in a depleted Northamptonshire attack, after Tom Moody, with 71, led a promising start.

Once again it was bitterly cold and there were also three stoppages for rain. Apart from its wretchedly cold start, the present season has also been remarkable for the extraordinary number of injuries. Northamptonshire have already had more problems than most.

When Greg Thomas dropped out with a hamstring pull yesterday morning, their first-team casualty list reached five. In addition, Lamb was away for the Test match. The other absentees were Larkins (broken thumb), Williams (calf muscle), Baptiste (thigh strain) and Paul Taylor (cartilage operation).

The last thing Bailey, the acting captain, wanted to see, therefore, was Capel limping off with a groin strain after he had bowled five overs. Bailey, himself, soon afterwards sank to the ground in pain when he was struck by the ball at silly point, though he was able to continue. With Walker hobbling between bowling spells due to a troublesome hip, a macabre bet about the next victim's identity would not have been out of place.

Northamptonshire's faith in their ability to succeed in a third-day run chase was probably the main reason for giving their opponents first use of a placid pitch, whose behaviour belied its green appearance. Curtis and Lord were untroubled as they put on 92 together in 41 overs.

Lord was always more forceful as Northamptonshire juggled with six bowlers, including two spinners. Lord straight drove Cook, slow left-arm, for a splendid six and Moody later lifted Roberts, a leg-spinner, for another over mid-wicket. Otherwise, Roberts, who is only 20, bowled promisingly.

Lord was out to a good, running catch by Curran at long leg, who went on to dismiss Curtis and Moody in a good spell. Moody, after another dominant display, edged a catch to second slip. In addition to his heavy scoring, the statisticians are now wondering whether anyone has been capped by two counties inside nine months. Moody was capped by Warwickshire last September and by Worcestershire last weekend.

An hour was lost after tea before Penberthy gained his late successes.

Hutchinson slips the net

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

OF THE eight centuries scored in the championship yesterday, the most meritorious was undoubtedly that made at Bristol by Ian Hutchinson, the Middlesex opening batsman.

Middlesex, dismissed for 209 by the combined efforts of Lawrence, Gilbert and Babington, would have been in dire straits but for Hutchinson, who did not play a single first-class match in 1990.

The Welsh-born batsman, who escaped a slip chance when nine, was supported in half-century partnerships by Roseberry and Taylor, but otherwise played a lone hand until he was ninth out for 114. The second highest scorer was extras at 26. The value of Hutchinson's effort was underlined as Gloucestershire slipped to 79 for four.

Salim Malik launched Essex's week at Ilford in majestic style, scoring 215, a career-best, against Leicestershire from only 296 balls with 31 fours. The Pakistan Test player scored 104 during the afternoon session. Garnham made 63 against one of his former counties during a fifth-wicket partnership of 159. John Maguire, the Australian fast-medium bowler, emerged with the highly creditable figures of six for 85 in an Essex total of 355.

Darren Bicknell's second century of the season was the foundation of Surrey's 290 for three against Nottinghamshire at the Oval, while in the Parks, Mark Broadhurst, from Barnsley, marked his debut for Yorkshire at the age of 16 by breaking the Oxford University opening partnership after Yorkshire had declared at 405 for four, Blakey making 196, Byas 101.

Wasim produces glorious display

By PETER BALL

BASINGSTOKE: (Lancashire won toss) Hampshire, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 324 runs behind Lancashire

WASIM Akram is making up for last year's frustrations with a vengeance. Having returned his best championship bowling figures for over a year against Sussex last week, he turned his attention on their neighbours yesterday, rescuing Lancashire with his highest score for the county, peppering Basingstoke's trim little ground with a glorious display of free hitting.

Even in the county of Broad Halfpenny Down, May's Bounty is a striking name for a cricket ground. It doesn't quite live up to the poetry of its name, but with its surrounding limes and horse chestnuts, its tents and solid Basingstoke burghers' solid detached houses, on good days it is a pleasant setting.

Yesterday, apart from brief spells when the sun shone, was not a good day — it was chill. Even the wicket, usually reckoned to be excellent, has not pleased everyone this year.

Fowler, who held the early Lancashire innings together with an excellent 57 in 160 minutes, said it was "like batting on Weatabix." It provided an enthralling day's play.

Wasim, for one, will not hear a word against it. He batted with relish, his clean hitting rattling the boundary advertising boards on both sides of the wicket, and depositing two sixes into the pavilion. He hit 15 fours as he batted for 205 minutes.

With Wasim at its centre, Lancashire's innings was a little like Pilgrim's Progress. The morning's heavy travail as Aqib, James and Bakker all posed problems, led into the slough of despond at 115 for five when Fowler, after a resolutely abstemious innings, dabbled in the corridor of uncertainty outside off stump to his downfall. "I was going to leave it alone, and then I changed my mind," he confessed ruefully.

But from that low point, they struck out for the sunlit uplands, Hegg joining Wasim in a sparkling partnership of 135 in 34 overs, which changed the course of the day. Wasim reputedly has the heaviest bat on the circuit, and he employed it purposefully as he went on to play the big innings Lancashire needed from him, but while the pair were together he was outscored by Hegg.

Sent in as nightwatchman on Friday, Hegg had taken the chance to score 86, and his confidence was visible yesterday. His driving was a delight, accounting for most of his 13 fours and the six which took him to his half century, but he hooked Aqib off his visor with disdain, and cut forcefully. He looked a substantial batsman until he drove once too often at Maru, who took a splendid return catch.

Maru had been the one bowler to put a brake on the flow, and had seen Wasim missed behind as he drew him two or three paces down the wicket. Wasim had scored 16 at the time. Had he gone then, Hampshire's suffering bowlers would have enjoyed their day a lot more.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Hampshire 313 (J Ayling 82; A R Caddick 6-109); Somerset 87-0. Maidstone: Kent 194 (V J Wells 89); Warwickshire 61-0. Worcester: Sussex 386-7 dec (K Greenfield 117, C M Wells 109, R Hanley 51); Worcestershire 31-2. Banstead: Surrey 290-8 dec (M A Lynch 104); Derbyshire 8-1. Cheltenham: Essex 301-7 (K A Butler 78, A G J Fraser 73) v Gloucestershire.

POLO

Ellerston haul in Saracens

By JOHN WATSON

THE tournament for the Guards Club's medium-goal Royal Windsor Cup, which has attracted 24 entries, opened at Smith's Lawn yesterday. There are eight leagues, each of three teams, matches being played over five chukkas.

Ellerston beat Saracens 9-8 in extra time. Jock Green-Armytage's Saracens had the better of the first half of the opening duel, leaving Kerry Packer's Ellerston trailing 7-3 before treading-in time. The Saracens' pivot man, Hector Galindo, of Mexico, the strongest striker on the ground and with a neat dribbling style, dovetailed well with his No. 2, Andrew Hine, and these two between them rather put Alan Kent, the Ellerston No. 3, in the shade to begin with.

However, Kent and the Ellerston captain, Jim Gilmore, of Australia, came into their own from the fourth chukka onwards, and, in the fifth chukka, a goal from Kent's mallet made the equaliser at 7-7. The game went into extra time at 8-8; and it was Gilmore, galloping at a terrific pace on Packer's brilliant English mare, Rafaelita, who smacked home the winner.

The second Royal Windsor Cup match resulted in an 11-5½ win for Bulldogs against Travelwise (received 2½).

The tournament continues at Cowdray Park this afternoon, the play-offs for the high-goal Queen's Cup-Prince of Wales Trophy being at Windsor.

ELLERSTON: 1, G Prentice (1); 2, J Gilmore (5); 3, A Kent (7); Back: V Evans (2). SARACENS: 1, C Walton Masters (0); 2, A Hine (5); 3, H Galindo (8): Back: J Green-Armytage (2). BULLDOGS: 1, R Hanson (1); 2, R Thame (3); 3, A Seavill (5); Back: F Fantini (6). TRAVELWISE: 1, D Fernandez (1); 2, J P Smail (3); 3, A Rossi (5); Back: J Tylor (3).

GOLF

Faldo out to regain his touch

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo moves into the Buick Classic, starting on the Westchester course on the outskirts of New York tomorrow, aware that his game will need to be sharpened if he is to win the US Open one week later.

When last seen Faldo was angrily leaving Wentworth after missing putts of 5ft and 2ft. Those errors cost Faldo several thousand pounds, but it is not the money which counts. The missed putts increased his worries over his short game.

Faldo is convinced that from tee to green he is playing as well as he did in 1990 when he captured the Masters and the Open Championship. He has put behind him the psychological worry of being treated for a stress fracture of the wrist. Yet Faldo, who is using a new set of clubs this year, has mislaid the silky touch which took him to the top of the Sony World rankings.

Faldo has subsequently lost his No. 1 place and he now finds himself sandwiched between Ian Woosnam and José-Maria Olazábal, who are in first and second place, and Greg Norman and Severiano Ballesteros, who are fourth and fifth.

There is a theory that the exercise routine Faldo used to repair the stress fracture might have tampered with his feel, although the player thinks not. It seems more likely that he has been hampered because he has played considerably less than most leading players.

That is why he will spend more time on the practice range this week than any other player and benefit more from the competition. Faldo is prepared to work all hours to recover his touch in time for the US Open.

NETBALL

Lowe and Fairweather pass tour medicals

THE 12 members of the England squad preparing to contest the world championships in Sydney next month have been awarded a clean bill of health (Louise Taylor writes).

There have been worries that recent medical assessments would force out of the party one or two individuals who have carried injuries throughout the season. The squad departs for Australia on June 15.

Happily, the knees of Kendra Lowe, the England and Bedfordshire captain, and Sandra Fairweather, of Surrey, withstood medical scrutiny and the squad assembles in Coventry on Sunday for training.

England have a new international umpire. Margaret Deighan, of Berkshire, joins a band of seven who are eligible to officiate at international tournaments, replacing Pam Orton, who has retired.

The Welsh Netball Association (WNA) has appointed its first technical director. Wendy White, a former Welsh national coach, who has been living in Australia since 1987, has worked as the national development officer of the All Australia Netball Association, and latterly as the state development officer for Queensland.

Penny Nicholas, president of the WNA said: "Wendy will require all of her obvious talents to stimulate netball's growth over the next five years."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Other match

Oxford U v Yorks

THE PARKS (*Yorkshire won toss; first day of three): Oxford University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 373 runs behind Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First innings

*A A Metcalfe c Pfaff b Wood	27
S A Kellett lbw b Wood	20
D Byas c and b R E Morris	101
†R J Blakey b R E Morris	196
P E Robinson not out	35
P A Grayson not out	18
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 1)	8
Total (4 wkts dec)	405

D Gough, J D Batty, M Broadhurst, S D Fletcher and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-47, 3-318, 4-353

BOWLING: Macdonald 14-4-48-0; Wood 27-5-85-2; Turner 22-3-91-0; Davies 12-2-68-0; Lovell 7-1-28-0; R E Morris 17-3-82-2.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings

R Montgomerie not out	20
R E Morris c Blakey b Broadhurst	2
J Morris not out	8
Extras (w 2)	2
Total (1 wkt)	32

C Gupte, G Lovell, *G J Turner, D Pfaff, †D Sandiford, H R Davies, R H Macdonald and B Wood to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-9.

Umpires: N T Plews and G A Stickley

Britannic Assurance county championship

Northants v Worcs

NORTHAMPTON (*Northamptonshire won toss; first day of three): Worcestershire have scored 236 runs for six wickets against Northamptonshire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

T S Curtis c Ripley b Curran	52
G J Lord c Lord b Walker	55
T M Moody c Fordham b Curran	71
D B D'Oliveira c Ripley b Penberthy	33
*P A Neale c Roberts b Penberthy	7
M J Weston b Penberthy	9
†S J Rhodes not out	4
P J Newport not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 1)	5
Total (6 wkts, 90 overs)	236

S R Lampitt, N V Radford and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-154, 3-193, 4-222, 5-223, 6-236.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, *R J Bailey, D J Capel, K M Curran, M B Loye, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, A R Roberts, A Walker and N G B Cook.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 2, Worcestershire 2.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White.

Glam v Somerset

SWANSEA (*Somerset won toss; first day of three): Somerset have scored 422 for five wickets against Glamorgan*

SOMERSET: First innings

S J Cook b Frost	152
P M Roebuck c Butcher b Frost	7
A N Hayhurst c Metson b Barwick	1
*C J Tavaré c Maynard b Barwick	162
R J Harden c Cann b Croft	15
†N D Burns not out	62
K H MacLeay not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 5)	15
Total (5 wkts)	422

Score after 100 overs: 370-4.

G D Rose, H R J Trump, N A Mallender and D A Graveney to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-41, 3-283, 4-303, 5-372.

GLAMORGAN: *A R Butcher, H Morris, R J Shastri, M P Maynard, M J Cann, I Smith, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S R Barwick, S Bastien and M Frost.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 1, Somerset 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

Surrey v Notts

THE OVAL (*Nottinghamshire won toss; first day of three): Surrey have scored 290 for three wickets against Nottinghamshire*

SURREY: First innings

D J Bicknell c Stephenson b Hemmings	125
R I Alikhan c Scott b Evans	69
†A J Stewart c Scott b Evans	30
D M Ward not out	48
G P Thorpe not out	11
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 1)	7
Total (3 wkts, 96 overs)	290

*I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, †N F Sargeant, Waqar Younis and A J Murphy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-161, 2-203, 3-233.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, P R Pollard, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, D W Randall, K P Evans, F D Stephenson, †C W Scott, M Saxelby, E E Hemmings and M A Crawley.

Bonus points: Surrey 3, Nottinghamshire 1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Harris.

Essex v Leics

ILFORD (*Essex won toss; first day of three): Leicestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Essex*

ESSEX: First innings

J P Stephenson lbw b Millns	24
N Shahid c Whitticase b Maguire	0
P J Prichard c Potter b Maguire	10
Salim Malik run out	215
N Hussain b Maguire	9
†M A Garnham b Smith	63
*N A Foster c Whitticase b Maguire	8
T D Topley c and b Millns	2
S J W Andrew b Maguire	1
J H Childs lbw b Maguire	0
P M Such not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 15)	23
Total (91.5 overs)	355

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-21, 3-103, 4-117, 5-292, 6-323, 7-336, 8-347, 9-347.

BOWLING: Millns 18-2-73-2; Maguire 29.5-8-85-6; Wilkinson 17-1-96-0; Potter 21-1-66-0; Willey 5-1-23-0; Smith 1-0-5-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings

*N E Briers not out	12
T J Boon not out	16
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 15 overs)	30

P N Hepworth, J J Whitaker, L Potter, B F Smith, P Willey, †P Whitticase, D J Millns, C W Wilkinson and J N Maguire to bat.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Leicestershire 4

Umpires: D O Oslear and A G T Whitehead.

Hampshire v Lancs

BASINGSTOKE (*Lancashire won toss; first day of three): Hampshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 324 runs behind Lancashire*

LANCASHIRE: First innings

G D Mendis c Maru b Javed	13
G Fowler c Terry b Javed	57
G D Lloyd lbw b James	8
N H Fairbrother c Gower b James	25
M Watkinson lbw b Bakker	6
Wasim Akram c James b Bakker	122
†W K Hegg c and b Maru	69
I D Austin b Bakker	2
G Yates run out	15
*D P Hughes c Nicholas b Bakker	4
P J Martin not out	1
Extras (lb 3, nb 7)	10
Total (96.2 overs)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-56, 3-90, 4-108, 5-115, 6-250, 7-277, 8-325, 9-331.

BOWLING. Bakker 21.2-7-66-4; Aqib Javed 18-4-67-2; Connor 11-1-56-0; James 14-3-50-2; Maru 27-8-69-1; Nicholas 5-0-21-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

T C Middleton not out	1
C L Smith not out	5
Extras (b 2)	2
Total (no wkt, 2 overs)	8

*M C J Nicholas, D I Gower, V P Terry, K D James, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, C A Connor, P J Bakker and Aqib Javed to bat.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Lancashire 4

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

Kent v Warwicks

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (*Kent won toss; first day of three). Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 348 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First innings

N R Taylor b Donald	4
*M R Benson run out	105
T R Ward lbw b Small	5
G R Cowdrey lbw b Reeve	114
M V Fleming c Ratcliffe b Reeve	42
R M Ellison c Piper b Reeve	0
†S A Marsh b Reeve	0
R P Davis c Piper b Reeve	9
M J McCague c Piper b Smith	18
T A Merrick not out	25
A P Igglesden c Lloyd b Reeve	10
Extras (b 4, lb 15, nb 1)	20
Total	352

Score after 100 overs: 351-9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, 3-178, 4-265, 5-269, 6-269, 7-293, 8-313, 9-319.

BOWLING: Donald 9-1-22-1; Small 22-3-68-1; Reeve 26.4-8-73-6; Munton 20-3-66-0; Booth 11-0-60-0; Smith 11-2-38-1; Moles 1-0-6-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings

A J Moles not out	3
J D Ratcliffe not out	1
Total (no wkt, 6 overs)	4

*T A Lloyd, D P Ostler, P A Smith, D A Reeve, †K J Piper, P A Booth, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Hassan.

Gloucs v Middlesex

BRISTOL (*Middlesex won toss; first day of three): Gloucestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 130 runs behind Middlesex.*

MIDDLESEX: First innings

I J F Hutchinson c Babington b Scott	114
M A Roseberry c Hodgson b Babington	17
*M W Gatting c Athey b Gilbert	15
K R Brown b Gilbert	3
M Keech b Lawrence	8
J E Emburey c Williams b Lawrence	6
†P Farbrace b Babington	5
A R C Fraser b Gilbert	0
P C R Tufnell c Williams b Babington	4
C W Taylor c Williams b Lawrence	11
N G Cowans not out	0
Extras (lb 15, w 1, nb 10)	26
Total (75.2 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-77, 3-85, 4-112, 5-125, 6-142, 7-148, 8-157, 9-208.

BOWLING: Lawrence 17.2-4-44-3; Babington 21-4-56-3; Gilbert 21-2-49-3; Athey 3-0-8-0; Scott 9-1-29-1; Lloyds 4-1-8-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

G D Hodgson lbw b Emburey	16
R J Scott b Emburey	14
*A J Wright lbw b Fraser	9
C W J Athey c Brown b Emburey	19
M W Alleyne not out	18
R C J Williams not out	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (4 wkts, 31 overs)	79

J J E Hardy, J W Lloyds, D V Lawrence, D R Gilbert and A M Babington to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-44, 4-73.

Bonus points. Gloucestershire 4, Middlesex 3.

Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

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SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Somerset.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex.
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Lancashire.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Warwickshire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire.

Other match

11.30 to 6.30

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BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Gloucester v Essex (at Cirencester); Surrey v Leicestershire (at Mid-Surrey). Representative match: Hertfordshire v Eastern Counties (at Bragbury House).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race (Cardiff to Great Malvern)

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FOOTBALL

Yorath confident that Wales can realise their dream

By Clive White

IT IS on little more than the shaky premise that "the Germans have to fail sometime, why not this time?" that Wales — the nearly-men of international football — rest their hopes of qualifying for the final stages of a leading competition for the first time.

Neither tradition nor form would suggest that that is a likely outcome to group five of the European championship qualifying programme, but the match between the two countries at the National Stadium in Cardiff tonight will tell us a lot more about the substance of the Welsh dream.

Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, stated the facts: "They always qualify for tournaments — we don't." And he added, not a little wishfully: "Why doesn't it change? We're good enough. So long as the players believe it, and believe in the system we're going to play.

"It's all set up for a change, what with the Germans having a new manager and the two countries merging. Bertie Vogts has got a hard act to follow in Beckenbauer and his world champions."

So far, though, there is no sign of Vogts not following in Beckenbauer's footsteps. The Germans are unbeaten in six matches since he took charge after the World Cup finals last summer, the last five of which they have won.

That unbeaten run reaches back, for the team, to 16 matches. It is six years since they lost a qualifying tie in any championship, though Yorath may be encouraged to hear that the world's most consistently successful country for three decades has failed once before to qualify, for the 1968 European championship finals. Against that, Wales have not beaten Germany in eight meetings, though, needless to say, they have often "nearly" done so.

With the last bruising encounter, in which six players were booked, in Cardiff two years ago, Vogts apparently thought fit to warn his players of the physical qualities in Wales' armoury.

It was like a red rag to Yorath, who yesterday responded with all the fire and aggression which invariably marked this particular Welsh dragon's performances as a player for the Principality.

Yorath accused the Germans of attempting to "con the referee and the public", though there was little chance of the latter being conned; the 37,000 crowd, the first football sell-out at the National Stadium, will be Welsh almost to a man.

Yorath seemed to concur. "The first time Klinsmann, Völler and Matthäus take a dive — as we all know they can — the crowd will scream, and that will put the fans even more behind Wales. I just hope the referee doesn't take any notice of it. It takes away any respect you have for them as class footballers."

Vogts, at least, seemed ready to take the heat out of these preliminary exchanges, denying that he ventured any criticism of Wales' tactics.

His players, nevertheless, seemed to have braced themselves for the kind of challenge they expect to receive; the remark of Klinsmann, a diver with few peers outside of a swimming pool, that, "I will stand up to it", should not, however, be taken too literally.

There is a possibility that the Inter Milan player may not be given the chance to show any of his qualities, honest or otherwise. He was publicly criticised by Vogts for his performance after the Germans' narrow victory over Belgium last month, and did nothing to convince the manager of his commitment to the German cause by announcing that he intended to retire at the ripe old age of 27 after the finals in Sweden next year — if not before, prsumably, should the Germans fail to qualify.

One man who should be kept fully employed tonight is Bo Karlsson, the Swedish referee. But a man who could withstand the pressure exerted by the primadonnas of AC Milan when they refused to conclude their European Cup semi-final against Marseilles this season would appear to be as well equipped as anyone to control the aggression, real or imagined.

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Germany	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Belgium	4	1	1	2	5	5	3
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

RESULTS: Wales 3, Belgium 1; Luxembourg 2, Germany 3; Luxembourg 0, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Luxembourg 0; Belgium 1, Wales 1; Germany 1, Belgium 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Wales v Germany. September 11: Luxembourg v Belgium. October 16: Germany v Wales. November 13: Wales v Luxembourg. November 20: Belgium v Germany. December 17: Germany v Luxembourg.

WALES (probable): N Southall (Everton); D Phillips (Norwich City), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), K Ratcliffe (Everton), A Melville (Oxford United), P Bodin (Crystal Palace), B Horne (Southampton), P Nicholas (Watford), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Derby County).

GERMANY (probable): B Illgner (Cologne); S Reuter (Bayern Munich), A Brehme (Inter Milan), J Kohler (Bayern Munich), T Berthold (Roma), G Buchwald (Stuttgart), T Doll (Hamburg), M Sammer (Stuttgart), R Völler (Roma), L Matthäus (Inter-Milan), J Klinsmann (Inter-Milan).

Referee: B Karlsson (Sweden).

Durham dies in Majorca

THE Barnet forward, Kevin Durham, who helped the North London club win promotion to the fourth division last season, has died of a heart attack while on holiday in Majorca. His mother, Maureen, said yesterday: "We were told he had just been laying down on his bed relaxing before dinner when he had the attack."

Durham, who was 29, played for Oxford City for four years before moving to Wycombe Wanderers and then Barnet.

☐ John Aldridge, the Republic of Ireland international forward, who wants to return to England, may join Tranmere Rovers. The second division's newest club have joined Leeds in showing an interest in Aldridge, who may meet their officials next week after he has severed his ties with Real Sociedad.

"Of course, I would be interested in joining them," Aldridge said. "They might feel they need someone with my experience."

☐ The Notts County chairman, Derek Pavis, believes he has won the first round of his battle to keep the newly promoted club's manager, Neil Warnock, who is wanted by Chelsea. Pavis opened negotiations with Warnock after County's Wembley win over Brighton which took them into the first division.

After the pair had held further talks, they were both in the party that left by coach for the club's trip to Spain yesterday. "There is hope," Pavis said. "I'm a super optimist and I'm hopeful we'll keep him."

☐ Olympique Marseille, the French champions, are believed to be trying to persuade Kenny Dalglish to take over as coach.

☐ Five of England's top referees will be struck off the FIFA list at the end of the year because they are too old. George Courtney will be joined in enforced retirement by Keith Hackett, Neil Midgley, Allan Gunn and Ray Lewis following the decision by the game's governing body to drastically reduce the age limit in the wake of Italia '90.

Salako fantasy turns to reality

From Stuart Jones, football correspondent, Auckland

ON CRYSTAL Palace's preseason tour a couple of years ago, John Salako mentioned to Steve Coppell that he could see himself one day playing for England. Although his club manager dismissed the notion as idle fantasy, the 22-year-old's vision is likely to be fully realised in Wellington on Saturday.

Salako, a substitute against Australia in Sydney and against New Zealand here on Monday, has made the most unexpected impact on England's tour. In spite of his apparent foresight, even he finds it hard to grasp that he is mixing with the nation's leading players.

Yet from the moment he bemused Australia's right back with his first touch in international football, Salako has emerged as one of the newcomers who could eventually establish himself. His first genuine opportunity promises to be in the second game against New Zealand for which he should make his full debut.

Had fate decreed otherwise, he could now be competing either for Wales, who approached him before the European championship qualifying tie against Belgium last season, or Nigeria, his homeland. Their officials contacted Palace about his availability a year ago and were told that he would not be released.

"They said that 120,000 tickets had been sold for a game against Ghana on the strength of me being there," Salako said yesterday. "I wanted to represent England, but Steve Coppell told me that I wouldn't because I wasn't prepared to pay the price.

"I didn't understand what he meant at the time. I do now. You've got to live the right life and you can't rely just on your natural talent. When you watch the top players, you realise how hard you've got to work at your game."

Salako, who came to England in 1979 five years after his Nigerian father died, was reputed to be a born-again Christian. Although he makes no secret of his faith and is a member of the Christians in Sport movement, he stressed that he is no "bible-basher".

Signed by Palace at the age of 14, he describes himself then as "a free-scoring centre-forward". His progress at the club was, he felt, frustratingly slow. "I thought that I should be in the side but the manager kept telling me that I should work on this and that. He brought me in at the right time and also the rest of the youngsters. We didn't have any internationals in the side 18 months ago and now we've got seven or eight. Ian Wright has always been the jewel, but we've built a tremendous team spirit there and it has helped me, particularly because Ian and Nigel Martyn were being watched by England.

Ironically, a permanent position at Palace was offered to him once Wright, a member of the touring party who has yet to make an appearance even as a substitute, broke his leg. Salako recalls that Coppell chose to employ a sweeper system in the FA Cup semi-final last year and employed him at left back.

Because of his versatility, he was retained throughout last season when the club finished third in the First Division. He scored ten goals, including one inspired equaliser in the last-minute of extra-time in the FA Cup third round replay against Nottingham Forest and earned the respect of Graham Taylor, England's manager.

"He wouldn't have been here if the strongest squad had been available," Lawrie McMenemy, Taylor's assistant, conceded yesterday. "He wouldn't have thought at the beginning of last season that he would be here, but his first touch against the Australians made us all sit up. One of the benefits of the tour is that it has allowed us to let the likes of Salako dip his toe in the water."

BRIDGE

England seal series despite losses

By Albert Dormer

ENGLAND won the women's home international series for the Lady Milne Trophy at Temple Patrick near Belfast over the weekend, despite losing two of their three head-on encounters with Scotland.

England's margin in the third match settled the issue after both countries had outpointed Wales and Northern Ireland.

The women's international series is a far more level field than the Camrose Trophy for open teams, which is dominated by England. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have all won the Lady Milne Trophy during the last seven years.

Nicola Smith and Pat Davies, of England, were playing their last tournament before leading Britain's challenge in the European championship starting next week in Killarney.

At stake are four places in the Venice Cup for the world championship, which Britain last won in 1985, with Smith and Davies on the team.

At West Bromwich over the weekend the inter-county pairs championship for the Corwen Trophy was contested by all 39 county associations. The winners were John Holland and Alan Nelson, of Manchester, ahead of Nigel Laville and Chris Rosser, of Worcestershire. Third was the cerebral Terry Girdlestone, of Somerset, partnered by D Howard.

The Cavendish club, of New York, a mecca for generations of Britain's leading players, as well as celebrities and showbiz personalities, closed its doors last Saturday, squeezed between spiralling rents on Manhattan's fashionable East Side and retrenchment by its recession-hit members.

The world's oldest contract bridge club, the Cavendish club was started in 1925, the year the game was invented by the world's richest man, the railroad baron, Harold S Vanderbilt.

HOME INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Final positions: 1, England, 165pts; 2, Scotland, 159; 3, Northern Ireland, 116; 4, Wales, 98.
ENGLAND: N Smith, P Davies, S Landy, M Handley, H Dunston, S Dunsbey.
SCOTLAND: P Kissen, C Gerrard, M Alexander, M Malcolm, H Cane, L McGowen.

A hit for the man: Hearns celebrates his world title success win over Hill in Las Vegas

Hearns rises to challenge

LAS VEGAS (Reuter) — Thomas Hearns answered his doubters in the best possible manner. The challenger outboxed the champion, Virgil Hill, to capture the World Boxing Association light-heavyweight championship crown at Caesars Palace on Monday, and in so doing attain his sixth world title.

Hearns, aged 32, more renowned as a slugger, gave his younger opponent a boxing lesson, earning an upset 12-round unanimous points decision. He peppered the previously undefeated Hill, aged 27, throughout with right and left hooks to the body and head.

Hill, in his eleventh title defence since winning the WBA 79-kilogram crown in September 1987 — the third most defences in that division — was tentative early on and despite a strong finish over the final two rounds, could not make the necessary inroads.

There were no knockdowns in the bout, but Hearns hurt Hill in the sixth, ninth and eleventh rounds. Hearns won by four points on one judge's card, 116-112, and by two on the other two cards, 115-113. "I just didn't execute the things I should have," Hill said. "The hype got to me and I couldn't get untracked."

Hearns, a 13-5 underdog who was thought by many, if he lost, to be in the last bout of his 14-year professional career, said he still had plenty left in him. "Do my legs look shot? If anyone thinks I'm shot and through, they can try me," he said. "This meant more to me than any fight in the world."

Hearns's next opponent could be the WBA cruiserweight champion, Bobby Czyz. If the bout goes ahead, Hearns would be going for an unprecedented title in his sixth weight division.

He previously has won titles in the welterweight, super-welterweight, middleweight and super-middleweight divisions. He was also the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion in 1987 when he defeated Dennis Andries, of Britain.

Hearns now has a record of 50-3-1, with 40 knockouts. He earned $4.2 million (about £2.4 million) for the bout. Hill earned $1.5 million (about £900,000).

BOXING

McKenzie moves nearer ambition

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

DUKE McKenzie, the former world flyweight champion from Croydon, gets a chance to achieve his ambition at the end of this month.

Ever since winning the International Boxing Federation (IBF) title in 1988, McKenzie has wanted to be the first Briton to win a world title at two different weights. He challenges Gaby Canizales, of Laredo, Texas, the World Boxing Organisation bantamweight champion, at the Elephant and Castle leisure centre on June 30.

McKenzie's manager, Mickey Duff, said yesterday: "If he wins he becomes the first Briton to hold the world title at two weights." Then, turning to McKenzie, he said: "You might not become a millionaire but you will have made your mark, that's something no one can take away from you."

If the prospect of being in the record books is an exciting one for McKenzie, the actual task of taking the title away from Canizales is a daunting one. Canizales, who is managed by Emmanuel Stewart, a director of the Kronk Gym in Detroit, is not only the toughest of the 31 opponents McKenzie will have faced in his eight-year career, but also the hardest puncher. Gaby is the older brother of the brilliant IBF champion, Orlando Canizales, who recently knocked out Billy Hardy, of Sunderland.

"He is not so skilful as Orlando," Duff said, "but he is more methodical and a harder puncher. It's quite clear from his record. He has won 41 of 48 fights, of which 35 have been inside the distance."

McKenzie has only two factors in his favour: his age, 28, which is three years younger than the Mexican American's, and home support. Canizales, who is the deputy sheriff of Laredo, has never travelled further than Mexico, which is only walking distance from the streets of Laredo.

Canizales first won the world title four years ago, knocking out Richie Sandoval in seven rounds, but lost it on points six months later to Barnado Pinango. He again became world champion two months ago when, in a sensational two-round contest, he got up off the floor to knock out Miguel Lora.

Davison contest receives its due

JOHN Davison, of Newcastle, has been honoured for his brave failure to beat Fabrice Benechou, of France, for the vacant European featherweight title in Brest last month.

At its annual meeting in Monte Carlo, the European Boxing Union (EBU) nominated the Benechou-Davison bout, which the Frenchman won unanimously on points, as its contest of the year.

Daniel Londas, of France, the European super-featherweight title-holder, was named the EBU's champion of the year.

It was also announced that Markus Bott, the German cruiserweight who failed a drugs test after losing a European championship fight last December to Johnny Nelson, of Sheffield, would not be rated or allowed to box for a European title for two years.

From July 1 promoters will be expected to include ancillary rights such as television money in their purse offers for European championships. Any boxer who pulls out of a European title fight for a reason other than injury once a purse offer has been won will not be rated as the No. 1 contender for an EBU championship for a full year.

☐ Humberto Gonzalez, of Mexico, regained the World Boxing Council light-flyweight championship on Monday, beating his countryman, Melchor Cob Castro, in a 12-round unanimous decision at Las Vegas (Reuter reports).

Gonzalez, aged 25, with a record of 31-1 and 24 knockouts, beat Castro, aged 23, by four points on two of the three judges' scorecards and by three points on the third judge's card.

There were no knockdowns in the bout, but Gonzalez won six of the final seven rounds on all three scorecards.

Gonzalez held the title from June 1989 to December 1990. This was the first defence for Castro since winning the title three months ago. Castro is now 29-3-4 with 14 knockouts.

Troy Dorsey, of the United States, won the vacant IBF featherweight title when he knocked out Alfred Rangel two minutes and 37 seconds into the first round.

☐ Donnie Hood, of Glasgow, the WBC international bantamweight champion, was told yesterday that negotiations had begun for him to fight for a full world title.

Alex Morrison, Hood's manager, has been in contact with the WBC champion, Greg Richardson, from Texas. He said yesterday: "There is a 50-50 chance of the deal being clinched and the fight will probably take place at Ibrox Park in August."

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Judo team in Spain holds own

By Jane Wyatt

MEMBERS of the British Blind Sport judo squad collected two golds, a silver and a bronze medal in the international judo championships with Italy and Spain at Barcelona, an important warm-up event for the Paralympics next year.

Britain were confined to second place by one silver medal, with Italy the overall winners. The team performed exceptionally well, however, as it was one fighter short, Ken Nowles having broken a toe in pre-tournament training.

Ian Rose, from High Wycombe, won gold, in the 28-kilogram category, as did Andy Aspey, from London, in the 71-kilogram section. In the under-63-kilogram group, Nick Murch was placed second, and David Hodgkins took the bronze in the over-78-kilogram category.

In judo for the visually impaired, Britain still lead the field in Europe. At the last European championships, involving 12 nations, Britain were first in the medals table, a performance the team is determined to repeat this year in Sardinia.

To maintain their high standards, international fighters train with sighted ones, both at local clubs and at training weekends at the George Carnell Centre in Urmston, Manchester.

Many players, like Simon Jackson, a double gold medal winner in Seoul and a European champion, are sufficiently skilled to compete in, and often win, sighted tournaments.

The British Blind Sport judo section is affiliated to the sport's governing body, the British Judo Association, and several older members are running clubs for sighted as well as visually impaired exponents. Tony Webb, a totally blind judo international now in his forties, has a club at Bude, Cornwall.

Simon Shorrick, a judo coach and spokesman for British Blind Sport, has discovered that visually impaired players pick up judo quicker than their sighted peers. The difficulty lies in getting blind students into clubs, and British Blind Sport is promoting judo in schools, colleges and sports centres.

☐ Almost 500 wheelchair athletes are expected at Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, next week for the national senior wheelchair games, which continue until June 16.

SQUASH RACKETS

Taylor set for semi-finals

By Colin McQuillan

THE rising tide of teenage talent, signified by the elevation of Simon Parke, of Yorkshire, to the head of a leading English trio with an average age of 19, is also illustrated among the best of the game's grass roots players on display all over the country this week in the Dunlop Champion of Champions.

In the north-west region quarter-finals at the Lancastrian Club in Leigh, Greater Manchester, two teenage players battled to exhaustion for the right to meet Howard Nuttall, the greatly feared Mersey champion, representing the West Lancashire club, which has promoted several national competition wins from a long regional domination.

His opponent in tonight's regional semi-final at Leigh will be Nick Taylor, the Lancashire under-19 champion, playing for Village Hide, who won, 9-7, 2-9, 9-0, 9-5, against Matthew Lord, of Giantswood, the 19-year-old who earlier removed the much respected Peter Astbury, of Warrington.

RESULTS: Regional quarter-finals: North-west: Men: N Taylor (Village Hide) bt M Lord (Giantswood), 9-7, 2-9, 9-0, 9-5, H Nuttall (West Lancashire) bt A Denholm (Bamford), 9-1, 9-6, 9-2. Women: E Leonard (Crewe Vagrants) bt C Purcer (Hyde CC), 9-1, 9-7, 9-6. North: Men: A Norrish (Pontefract) bt D Evans (Burntwood), 9-3, 9-7, 9-3; I Parke (Crimple Valley) bt D Shaw (Selby), 9-4, 9-1, 9-4. Women: G Topliss (Pontefract) bt C Knowles (Ilkley), 9-0, 9-6, 9-4; A Lawton (Hull and East Riding) bt D Smith (Abbeydale), 9-4, 9-2, 7-9, 9-2. North-east: Men: P Harrison (Tynemouth) bt R Camp (Galleyhill), 9-1, 9-3, 9-5; K Andrews (Nunthorpe) bt S McGlynn (Sunderland), 9-6, 5-9, 9-3, 9-7. Scotland: Men: P Nicol (Aberdeen) bt W Boswell (Hamilton), 9-3, 9-1, 9-4. Women: J Davis (Dunfermline) bt A Zuill (Lundin Links), 9-4, 9-6, 9-7. West: Men: J Giddon (Westcountry) bt R Kerpner (Redwood Lodge), 9-3, 9-5, 9-0; R Watkins (West Country) bt M Hankins (Lansdown), 9-3, 9-5, 9-0. Women: F Hardy (Wessex) bt M Gall (Christie Miller), 9-6, 10-8, 2-9, 10-9.

Elliott first

Peter Elliott, the Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion, will make his first big race of the season over 3,000 metres in the Pearl Assurance UK Championships at Cardiff this weekend.

BOWLS

Weale boosts Wales as fours falter

WALES beat New Zealand at singles but lost at fours before lunch yesterday in the third international match at Cardigan in conditions that tested both sides to the limit (David Rhys Jones writes).

Overnight rain had drenched the playing surface, and the going was clearly not to the liking of the New Zealanders.

Robert Weale, of Presteigne, who was born in England, started confidently against Dunedin's Neville Hill, and stood, 16-7, in front by the 13th end. Hill climbed back to within three shots, 21-18, after 22 ends, but lost 25-19.

Gwynnant Ellis, Alan Beer, Malcolm Bishop and Jeff Edwards made a similarly sharp start for Wales in the fours, and led 16-8 by the halfway stage, before the New Zealand rink, skipped by Maurice Symes, came to terms with the conditions to win 22-18.

RESULTS: Singles: R Weale (Wales) bt N Hill (NZ), 25-19. Fours: G Ellis, A Beer, M Bishop, J Edwards (Wales) lost to M Kernaghan, P Skoglund, K Darling, M Symes (NZ), 22-18.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

DAUPHINE LIBERE RACE: Second stage: 1, J Talen (Neth), 3hr 39min 21sec; 2, V Ekimov (USSR), same time; 3, P Esnault (Fr), at 1sec; 8, S Kelly (Ire), same time. Overall: 1, T Marie (Fr), 3:51.54; 2, T Rominger (Switz), at 18sec; 3, Ekimov, at 26. British: 10, S Yates (GB), at 39.

GIRO D'ITALIA: Ninth stage: (Italian unless stated). 1, M Ghirotto, 6hr 08min 13sec; 2, M Moro, at 31sec; 3, JF Bernard (Fr), at 34; 4, F Vona; 5, F Echave (Sp), same time; 6, M Podenzana, at 1:28. Overall: 1, F Chioccioli, 45:23:41; 2, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 8 sec; 3, C Chiappucci, at 57; 4, V Pulnikov (USSR), at 59; 5, G Bugno, at 1:03; 6, M Giovannetti, at 1:23.

GOLF

US PGA: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, C Pavin, $721,898; 2, L Wadkins, $564,030; 3, S Pate, $518,795; 4, R Mediate, $481,211; 5, I Woosnam (GB), $476,683; 6, D Love, $439,774; 7, P Azinger, $430,429; 8, T Purtzer, $429,532; 9, J D Blake, $395,194; 10, J Sluman, $372,639.

BALTRAY: East of Ireland strokeplay championship: Final scores: 293: P Hogan (Elm Park), 74, 72, 75, 72. 296: V Smyth (Co Louth), 74, 76, 74, 72; N Goulding (Portmarnock), 72, 78, 73, 73. 297: G McGimpsey (Bangor), 72, 76, 71, 78. 299: T Corridan (Castle Troy), 72, 81, 75, 75; L McNamara (Woodbrook), 73, 77, 75, 74; T Cleary (Fermoy), 73, 75, 73, 78.

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: United States professional championship: Quarter-finals (US unless stated): N Smith (GB) bt G Kennedy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; J Burke bt K Jacobs, 6-5, 6-3, 6-1. Semi-finals: C Ronaldson (GB) bt Burke, 6-0, 6-2, 6-5; M Gooding (GB) bt Smith, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2. Final: Ronaldson bt Gooding 6-4 6-1 6-1.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: WBA light heavyweight: Thomas Hearns (US) bt Virgil Hill (US) pts.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Maidstone: Kent 222-9 (M C Dobson 85); Surrey 191. Kent won by 31 runs. Taunton: Somerset 208-6 (N D Burns 52); Hampshire 210-4 (R M J Cox 76, V P Terry 55). Hampshire won by 6 wkts. Bingley: Yorkshire 367-5 (B Parker 166, C White 140); Northamptonshire 230 (M Loye 82, P A Grayson 4-49). Yorkshire won by 137 runs.

IRELAND: Inter-Provincial Championship: South Leinster 270-4, North-West 221; Munster 277-5, Ulstertown 278-7; Ulster Country 281-6, North Leinster 264-5. Positions: 1, South Leinster, played 3, 81pts; 2, North West, 4, 67; 3, North Leinster, 4, 59; 4, Ulster Town, 5, 51; 5, Ulster Country, 4, 48; 6, Munster, 4, 12.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: Pannal 195-9 (P Sowray 5-26), Bishop Thornton 198-6 (M Heaton 103 not out); Tong Park 236-6 (J Rawson 148 not out), Thorp Arch 211-9, (M Wadland 5-62).

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Cowley St John 203-9, Kidmore End 119; Basingstoke and North Hants, 278-4 (I Maynard 101), Headington United 126 (D Flint 5-26); Readingensians 158-8, Farnham 159-3; Finchley 193-7, Hounslow 182-9; Beddington 216-6, Highgate 181-8; Islands 133, Hampstead 137-6; Dulwich 127-9, Richmond 130-5; Ealing 84, Acton 85-4, Cheam 207-8, Metropolitan Police 168. Camberley 107, Watford 110-1; Kimberley Inst 254-6, Stanton 255-9; Perthshire 206-7, Stewart's Melville 209-4; Cupar 214-8, East Kilbride 72; Consett 218-6, Tynemouth 219-1; Liverpool 211-8, Egerton 206-9 (J Crossley 5-42). Watsonians 216-8, Edinburgh Acads 172.

YACHTING

SOLING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Second race: 1, B Oesterreich, L Scheel and S Voigt (Ger); 2, D Curtis, B Dellenbaugh and P Murphy (US); 3, J Bank, S Secher and J Seier (Den); 4, M Celon, C Corrado and C Celon (It); 5, S Pichugin, S Khayndrava and V Korotkow (USSR). British placings: 14, A Beadsworth, C Sherrells and I Tillett; 45 D Tabb, M Dorrett and G Rearsen; 55, S Pyatt, P Hawkins and D Finney; 73, J Bell, D Lawrence and R Page.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): Wandsworth Demons 87, East Midland Eagles 2; Earls Court Roos 226, Sussex Swans 44; London Hawks 144, Lea Valley Swans 29; North London Lions 140, Thames Valley Magpies 6; W. Walkabout Wildcats 128, Hartley Bristol Bears 22.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 2, Detroit Tigers 0; Oakland A's 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Minnesota Twins 3, Baltimore Orioles 2; Toronto Blue Jays 5, New York Yankees 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

DUNLOP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: Regional quarter-finals: Midlands: Men: D Grayston (Birmingham) bt J Parkes (Barnt Green), 9-7, 9-7, 9-7. Women: B Poole (Edgbaston Priory) bt A Wright (Malvern), 9-1, 9-1, 9-7; T Shenton (Burslem) bt D Andrews (Leicester Road, Hinckley), 9-6, 8-10, 9-0, 6-9, 9-3; Z Wooldridge (Stourbridge) bt C Smith (South Derbyshire), 9-3, 9-7, 6-9, 9-2. North: Men: A Norrish (Pontefract) bt D Evans (Burntwood), 9-3, 9-7, 9-3; I Parke (Crimple Valley) bt D Shaw (Selby), 9-4, 9-1, 9-4. Women: G Topliss (Pontefract) bt C Knowles (Ilkley), 9-0, 9-6, 9-0; A Lawton (Hull and East Riding) bt D Smith (Abbeydale), 9-4, 9-2, 7-9, 9-2. North-west: Men: N Taylor (Village Hyde) bt M Lord (Giantswood), 9-7, 2-9, 9-0, 9-5; H Nuttall (West Lancashire) bt A Denholm (Bamford), 9-1, 9-6, 9-2. Women: E Leonard (Crewe Vagrants) bt C Purcer (Hyde CC), 9-1, 9-7, 9-6. North-east: Men: P Harrison (Tynemouth) bt R Camp (Galley Hill), 9-1, 9-3, 9-5; K Andrews (Nunthorpe) bt S McGlynn (Sunderland), 9-6, 5-9, 9-3, 9-7. Scotland: Men: D Moffat (Blantyre) bt M Beaumont (Dollar), 4-9, 9-10, 9-7, 9-0, 9-6; P Nicol (Aberdeen) bt W Boswell (Hamilton), 9-3, 9-1, 9-4. West: Men: J Giddon (Westcountry) bt R Kerpner (Redwood Lodge), 9-3, 9-6, 9-0; R Watkins (West Country) bt M Hankins (Lansdown), 9-3, 9-5, 9-0. Women: F Hardy (Wessex) bt M Gall (Christie Miller), 9-6, 10-8, 2-9, 10-9; K Davis (Westcountry) bt J McQuillan (Tewkesbury Park), w/o

IN BRIEF

Ronaldson keeps title

THE former world champion, Chris Ronaldson had to work hard in the opening set against his fellow Briton, Mike Gooding, before retaining his US professional real tennis title.

Gooding, the New York professional, started strongly in the final, before Ronaldson found his length to win 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

ATHLETICS: Genoa will be the venue for the 1992 European indoor championships as part of the port's celebrations of Christopher Columbus year.

BADMINTON: The Royal Bank of Scotland has extended its sponsorship of the English inter-county championship for a further three years.

BASKETBALL: The arrival of Michael Wrublewski, an Australian millionaire and entrepreneur, as the new owner of Birmingham Bullets, will herald the start of an ambitious plan by the Carlsberg League club to move to the NEC next year.

MOTOR RALLYING: The Finn, Juha Kankkunen, held a narrow lead on the third day of the Acropolis Rally over his team-mate, Didier Auriol.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Gregory, the Wigan and Great Britain international scrum half, has turned down a six-figure offer to join Widnes as player/coach.

CYCLING: Massimo Ghirotto won a solo victory in the Tour of Italy's ninth stage but his fellow Italian, Franco Chioccioli, kept the leader's jersey.

EQUESTRIANISM: The brothers, John and Michael Whitaker, have been named in a strong British team for the Aachen show from June 18-23. Also selected are Joe Turi, Robert Smith and Nick Skelton.

GOLF: Padraig Hogan, a former winner of the East of Ireland strokeplay championship, had three shots to spare when he regained the title at Baltray with a final total of 293.

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Mystiko, impressive winner of the 2,000 Guineas, is fit to take his place in today's Ever Ready Derby field after an earlier injury scare

Corrupt can resist the French challenge

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

DERBY BETTING

7-2: Toulon.
4-1: Mystiko.
5-1: Corrupt.
7-1: Hector Protector.
8-1: Generous.
12-1: Environment Friend.
14-1: Star of Gdansk.
16-1: Marju.
33-1: Mujaazif, Hailsham.
40-1: Hokusai.
100-1: Hundra.
250-1: Arokat.

Odds supplied by Ladbrokes.

CLIVE Brittain yesterday pronounced Mystiko fit to run in this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby at Epsom after the ante-post favourite had been found lame with a corn in his near-fore foot on Sunday.

"It's all stations go again," the trainer said after Michael Roberts had ridden the grey, the 2,000 Guineas winner, in a five-furlong gallop on the Limekilns. "He went past his lead horse, Endoli, with ease and worked just the way I wanted him to," Brittain said.

The corn was removed from Mystiko's foot on Sunday night. "It's been treated with a poultice," Brittain said. "There's been someone with him night and day. His box is being mucked out at constant intervals to prevent the risk of any infection setting in."

The hype behind Mystiko's Derby bid has been extraordinary. Brittain, the season's leading trainer, is an extrovert 57-year-old whose wholehearted enjoyment of his starring role in racing has made him a favourite with the media. The same goes for Mystiko's rider, Roberts.

A dynamic 35-year-old with an astute racing brain, the 11-times champion jockey of South Africa has been riding with fire in his belly all season and has been an acknowledged contributor to the success of both Mystiko and the stable.

Mystiko, an infectious gamble from 10-1 since his Guineas win, has two question marks hanging over his head, apart from his latest setback: an excitable temperament and possible lack of stamina. The colt, owned by the indomitable Lady Beaverbrook, was so headstrong at one time that he worked almost exclusively on his own.

Roberts, however, is confident. "I'm sure he'll settle all right," he said. "He's become much more relaxed since the Guineas. As far as tactics are concerned, I want to be in the first four or five and wouldn't mind making the running if nothing else goes on."

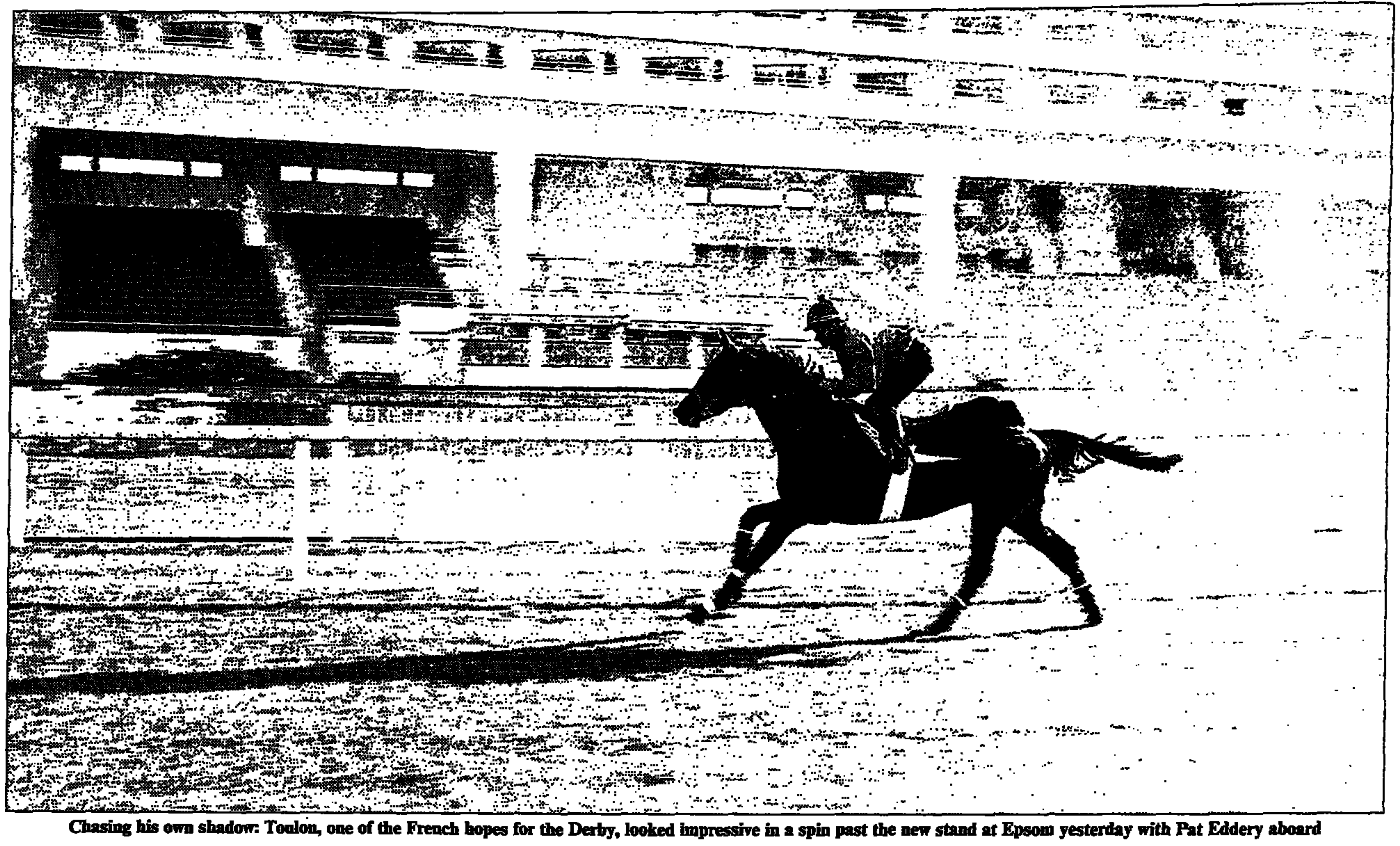
Toulon, one of the two French-trained runners, has been vying with Mystiko for favouritism since winning the Chester Vase for André Fabre and last year's winning owner, Khaled Abdulla. Pat Eddery, who will be bidding to win a fourth Derby on Toulon, rode the colt in a spin round Tattenham Corner and up the straight yesterday morning.

Fabre is convinced that this year's Derby is an open race. "Anything can happen at Epsom and Toulon has a true chance," he said. "But for me the best horse in the race is Mystiko. Every year people say that this is not a good Derby, but if Mystiko wins they will be hailing him as a great champion. I believe the French have such a poor record in the Derby because they don't really try to win the race. It's the same this year because our best mile-and-a-half colts ran in the Prix du Jockey-Club."

However, the French champion miler, Hector Protector, has a good chance to put the record straight, as the French bid to win their first Derby since Lester Piggott won on Empery in 1976.

Ridden by Freddie Head, Hector Protector, the unbeaten winner of eight races, looked in magnificent shape cantering up the straight yesterday. Head, who is eager to improve on a poor record in the Derby despite a magnificent international career, believes his mount has an outstanding chance.

IAN STEWART



Chasing his own shadow: Toulon, one of the French hopes for the Derby, looked impressive in a spin past the new stand at Epsom yesterday with Pat Eddery aboard

"It is a very open race but Hector Protector is a very handy horse, who turns well," Head said. "He will have no problems handling the course. I think he will stay the trip as he is so relaxed."

Also in action at Epsom yesterday were Star Of Gdansk, narrowly defeated in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, on whom Christy Roche will be attempting to repeat his 1984 win on Secreto. "I had more than a quiet fancy for Secreto," he said, "and I feel just the same about Star Of Gdansk. I'm sure he'll stay the trip."

Piggott, who rides Hokusai, one of the outsiders at 40-1, and Steve Cauthen, think that Toulon will win the first prize of £355,000. "At Chester, he got into a bit of trouble and would probably have won two or three lengths more than he did," Piggott said.

Mike Dillon, a spokesman for Ladbrokes, said: "Some £25 million will be bet nationwide but if they had the race on a Saturday it would be £50 million. It's a very open race and Mystiko would be just about our only loser at present.

"We expect to see a lot of money for Hokusai, even though the horse doesn't seem to have much chance on form. Lester has so often delivered the goods that they won't be put off."

The best backed of the English horses has been Cash Asmussen's mount Corrupt, who is trained by Neville Callaghan at Newmarket. Asmussen is hoping for a magnificent double after his win on Suave Dancer in the French Derby on Sunday.

The other strongly fancied English horse is last season's Dewhurst Stakes winner, Generous. Paul Cole, his trainer, said: "I still think that the horse was very unlucky not to finish closer than fourth in the Guineas. The horses that he beat in the gallop at Newbury have all been winning or running well in pattern race company.

"I'm sure that he's going to run a mighty race. My only worry is that, with such a small field, there might be a false gallop and a mile and a quarter horse might pinch the Derby. The one thing Generous does is stay."

In agreeing with Asmussen that Corrupt possesses the best form over middle distances, I am napping the Lingfield Derby trial winner to beat Generous and Hector Protector.

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Form and line-up, page 37

Late test for Pringle

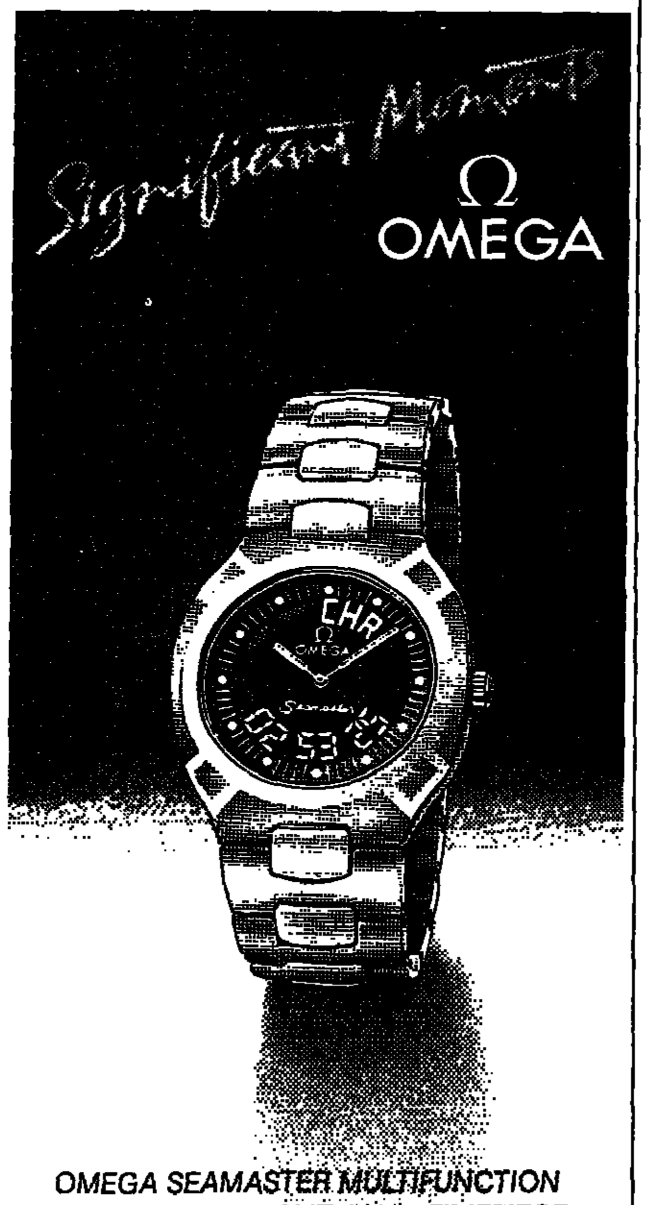
DEREK Pringle failed to train with the England Test team in Leeds yesterday. The Essex all-rounder will have a net today in a final attempt to prove his fitness for the opening game in the series against the West Indies tomorrow.

Pringle said: "I have had spasms in the back and fielding is made a bit difficult when I bend." Micky Stewart, the England manager, said: "It's a bit early to give an indication of his chances, but I would say it's even money."

Steve Watkin, the Glamorgan seam bowler, has been called in as cover and joined a two-hour training session.

Desmond Haynes, the West Indies opener, who has an injured back, had a long bat in the nets yesterday and looks likely to be risked.

☐ WELLINGTON (AFP) – The New Zealand parliament debated an amendment to anti-tobacco laws last night to allow a cigarette firm to sponsor February's World Cup. It appeared certain the amendment would be passed.



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Becker overpowers Chang

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
PARIS

IT WAS hard to choose between Boris Becker and Andre Agassi at the French Open here yesterday. Both had impressive wins in the quarter-finals, Becker overpowering Michael Chang for the loss of 10 games and Agassi outrunning and outhitting the hapless Jakob Hlasek in 75 minutes.

Their semi-final tomorrow could prove to be the decisive match of the tournament and, if it is not too portentous, of Becker's long quest for a French Open championship to add to his collection of three Wimbledon, the US and Australian Open titles.

After peering over the cliffs against Woodbridge in the second round, Becker has been abseiling through the draw ever since and his comprehensive 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 defeat of the 1989 French Open champion gave him as much pleasure as almost any this year, judging by the leap which accompanied his final service-winner.

"I knew from the beginning I had to assert my power over his *stamina*," Becker said. "And I did." That was a neat summary of the match. No matter how far or fast Chang's legs carried him, he always seemed to be a beat behind the No. 2 seed, who served well when he had to and timed his attacks on the net with absolute precision. When he is in this sort of mood, it takes a clay-court player at the top of his game, like Sergi Bruguera at the final of the Monte Carlo Open a month ago, to upset him.

Chang is not the man. He is betwixt games at the moment, trying to develop his serve and volley and forsaking the safety of the baseline for more dangerous waters at the net. In the long run, he will probably be a better player; in the short term, he looks a little confused and Becker was quite ready to exploit any hesitation.

Agassi, however, will be a more formidable foe, as one glance at the records shows. The American has allowed Becker only one set, in the semi-final of the US Open, in their last three matches, all of which have been played on surfaces more suited to his opponent. "All those matches worked to my advantage somehow and playing him on clay would favour me normally. I wouldn't take anything for granted but I do feel fairly confident," Agassi said.

Agassi's cause in the quarter-final was helped immeasurably by Hlasek, who just stayed at the back of the court and let himself be run ragged. So dominant was the No. 4 seed in his 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 victory that there was even time to contemplate the mystery of the suitcase which has a permanent home upon the lap of Gil Reyes, Agassi's formidable trainer, during matches. Initially, it seemed to be packed and ready for a quick getaway to the airport after Agassi's opening match. But Agassi has shown every sign of staying for the whole fortnight and still the bag remains.

An hour later, it could have contained Jana Novotna's nerves. Novotna plays at the speed of a tortoise and has the same killer instinct. She led Gabriela Sabatini by a set and 5-2, served for the match three times, had two match points in the tie-break and still managed to lose 5-7, 7-6, 6-0. With Novotna incapable of summoning the aggression to win and Sabatini not playing well enough to do so, the match had the hypnotic tension of a tooth extraction.

Hana Mandlikova, Novotna's coach, winced as each chance went begging, but she had passed that way many times during her own career, so it was partly in sympathy. Carlos Kirmayr, Sabatini's coach, rested his chin on the front of the players' enclosure, uncomfortably aware that a defeat by Novotna exactly a year ago had precipitated the roll of his predecessor's head. Constantly, he gestured for Sabatini to go to the net, not knowing that his charge had the match well under control.

"I did not know I would win until she had those match points," Sabatini said, a reference to their two previous matches when Novotna also squandered match points. But she too needed seven attempts to win the tie-break, after which Novotna's spirit dissolved. "I wanted to make it so bad, I played too safe," Novotna said.

Sabatini, the No. 3 seed, will have to rediscover her consistency and concentration before her fourth semi-final at Roland Garros, against Seles, a rather tougher competitor than Novotna. The top seed beat Conchita Martinez 6-0, 7-5. Graf, who waltzed past Nathalie Tauziat, meets Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in the other. A repeat of the epic 1989 final would bring the women's singles belatedly to life.

☐ Five British women earned direct acceptance for the Wimbledon championships, which begin on June 24, but no British man is ranked high enough in the world to go straight in.

Jo Durie, Monique Javer, Sara Gomer, Sam Smith and Clare Wood are the successful British women. However, Andrew Castle, at 205, is the best British player and only the 104 highest-ranked entries are accepted.

It is a depressing picture with Jeremy Bates, ranked 212, Nick Brown (242) and Danny Sapsford (271), all of whom played for Britain in the recent Davis Cup tie in Poland, having to rely on wild cards to compete.

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: A Agassi (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-3, 6-1, 6-1; B Becker (Ger) bt M Chang (US), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: G Sabatini (Arg) bt J Novotna (Cz), 5-7, 7-6, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Fernandez (US), 6-3, 6-2; S Graf (Ger) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; M Seles (Yug) bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-0 7-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt L Jensen (US) and L Warder (Aus), 7-6, 5-7, 9-7; J Frana (Arg) and L Lavalle (Mex) bt G Muller (US) and D Visser (SA), 6-4, 6-4; R Leach and J Pugh (US) bt T Nijssen (Neth) and C Suk (Cz), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: S Collins (US) and M Pierce (Fr) bt T Morton (Aus) and C Wood (GB), 6-2, 6-4

MIXED DOUBLES: Third round: H Sukova and C Suk (Cz) bt Z Garrison and R Leach (USA), 7-5, 6-2; L Savchenko (USSR) and L Pimek (Bel) bt M McGrath (US) and T Woodbridge (Aus), 7-5, 7-5. Quarter-finals: A Temesvari (Hun) and G Luza (Arg) bt N Housset and R Gilbert (Fr), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

Lendl warms up, page 38

Ovett on track for comeback

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOUR years after his last international appearance, Steve Ovett has been invited by England to make a comeback. He has been selected for the 3,000 metres in the match against Ireland and the Soviet Union in Limerick on Friday week and said yesterday he would give it some thought.

Ovett, aged 35, has not worn a national vest since the 1987 world championships in Rome, where he was tenth in the 5,000 metres. At his best, a decade ago, he won an Olympic 800 metres gold medal and set world records in the mile, two miles and 1,500 metres.

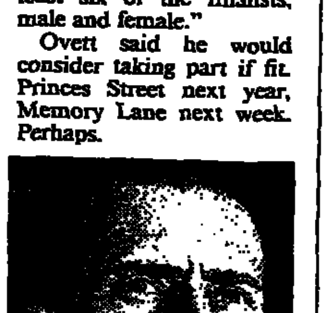
Three weeks ago, Ovett won a 3,000 metres race in Cardiff and, though his time, 8min 07.28sec, was modest, the fact that he beat Paul Davies-Hale and Jon Solly prompted the selectors to offer him a recall. "Whatever talent he has got left he wants to get out of *himself this year*," Ian Hodge, the AAA statistician who was behind Ovett's inclusion, said.

Ovett was too busy representing Scotland yesterday morning to give England his immediate attention. "I'll talk to Harry Wilson, [his coach] about it tonight," Ovett said while lending support to an ambitious plan to bring a rerun of the men's and women's 1992 Barcelona Olympic 1,500 metres finals to Edinburgh six weeks after the originals.

The idea is to stage an annual road mile down Princes Street. The venue has been guaranteed but, as yet, there is no main sponsor. Hamish Henderson, whose idea it was, has no doubt he will get one and Ovett said: "As a resident Scot now, I am delighted that an event of such innovative quality has been attracted to Scotland's capital city."

Certainly, road running, the poor relation of track and field in Britain, needs all the help it can get. Working to a £500,000 budget, Henderson said he would have more to spend on appearance fees and prize-money than the New York Fifth Avenue Mile. "We will be in Barcelona watching the 1,500 metres finals and we will have at least six of the finalists, male and female."

Ovett said he would consider taking part if fit. Princes Street next year, Memory Lane next week. Perhaps.



Ovett: selected

Selfless Sutton helps Walker improve his lead

By PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Walker increased his overall lead in the Milk Race yesterday in a manner that must have demoralised the score or so of his rivals left with a slender chance of final victory in Liverpool on Saturday, where the 1,150-mile trek around England and Wales reaches its climax.

The eighth stage, from Gloucester to Swansea, was feared as the hardest of the two-week race. Even Walker admitted to being apprehensive about the 117 miles over a route punctuated by five test hills, the most fearsome of which was The Tumble (1,200ft), just south of Blaenavon, midway through the stage, and four other second category climbs.

The outcome was that, after splitting into four groups, the field came together at the 99-mile point, racing as one huge pack of 74 into Swansea.

Walker, who had taken the yellow jersey after winning the first stage, had his Banana-Falcon team colleague, Jon Clay, to manoeuvre him into position towards the front on the last mile. Walker was also fortunate to capture the wheel of the Belgian sprinter, Jan Bogaert, while jockeying for position.

The run-in was a 300-yard straight after a mini-roundabout, from which point Walker came off Bogaert's wheel and showed at the front. Bogaert, winner of five stages in 1990, had no response and, in the last 50 yards, had to settle for third place behind the amateur, Bob Rasenberg, of The Netherlands, while Walker virtually coasted over the line.

"That's the way I like to win and I know that the team's morale will be boosted," he said. "I think everyone found it the hardest stage so far; there are no easy ones left so the pressure will be not only on me but on everyone else."

Victory was particularly important to Walker, from Sheffield, as it carried a 15-second bonus which saw his overall lead extended to 37 seconds.

Apart from his own ability, Walker's success came from the good tactical mind of the team manager, Keith Lambert, and the willingness of Shane Sutton, the winner last year, to sacrifice his own chances of a stage success.

The ploy was to get one Banana rider into an early lead, on the basis that a chase would ensue and his team would benefit from being towed along in the bunch.

Sutton drew the short straw and, at 31 miles, opened a lead with the Soviet, Oleg Polovnikov. The pair stayed ahead for 68 miles before the bunch overhauled them. After that, with no more serious climbs, it was a 40mph rush down to Swansea.

Gary Baker, the King of the Mountains last year, was eliminated when he finished outside the time limit. He had been advised not to start because of a stomach upset.

RESULT: Eighth stage (Gloucester to Swansea, 117 miles): 1, C Walker (Banana-Falcon), 4hr 56min 48sec; 2, R Rasenberg (TVM); 3, J Bogaert (Collstrop); 4, A Dolgnikh (USSR); 5, A Perka (GB Amateur); 6, P Popp (Varta), all same time. Overall: 1, Walker, 30.23.48; 2, S Hempsall (England Amateur), at 22sec; 3, K Reynolds (Banana-Falcon), at 25sec; 4, H Lodge (Collstrop), at 51sec; 5, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), at 58sec; 6, P Curran (England Amateur), at 1min 02sec. Team: 1, Banana-Falcon, 91.03.05; 2, England Amateur, 91.04.57; 3, Collstrop, 91.07.26. Mountain grand prix: 1, T Bamford (NZ), 97pts.
TODAY: Ninth stage (Cardiff to Great Malvern, 99.2 miles): Start, 10am. Abergavenny, 11.30am. Hereford, 12.35am. Ledbury, 1.15pm. Finish, about 2.25pm.

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